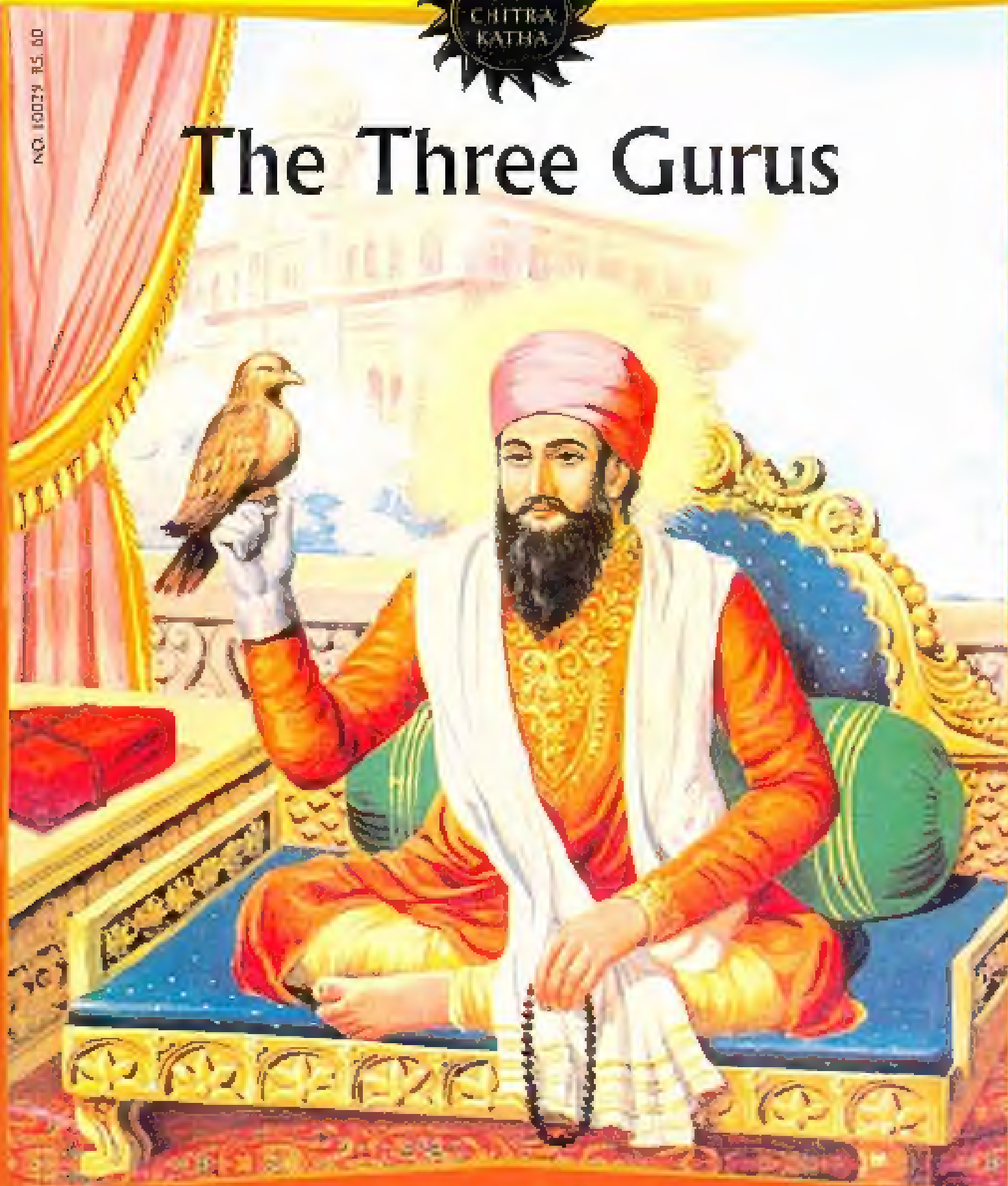




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Guru Tegh Bahadur

Tegh Bahdur became the Guru of the Sikhs at a time when the Mughal Emperor, Aurangzeb's policy of religious intolerance and persecution had antagonised vast sections of his subjects. The Jat peasantry took up arms in the district of Mathura. The Satnamis rebelled in the Punjab but these rebellions were mercilessly crushed. In the Deccan however, Shivaji's powers continued to be on the rise and in 1674, he proclaimed himself king. This made Aurangzeb even more ruthless in his religious persecution.

When the Hindus of Kashmir were denied the freedom to follow their faith, they approached Guru Tegh Bahadur for help and guidance. More than four hundred years ago religious intolerance and persecution was common all over the world. It was at this period of time that the Guru carried the conviction that every individual must have the freedom of worship the faith of his or her choice. He wrote to the Emperor, reminding him that the Holy Koran does not sanction forcible conversion. He expressed his willingness to hold discussions on the subject with the Emperor and his advisers on matters of religion. He said, "If they succeed in converting me to their opinion, I will embrace your Islam and all the Hindus too might do the same. If on the contrary, they do not succeed in converting me to their opinion, then I request that henceforth all religious persecution should be stopped."

Great ingenuity was used in devising new kinds of torture for the Guru and his closest disciples. But Aurangzeb failed to crush their spirit. Thus the Guru laid down his life for a great principle, which widely propounded the belief in most parts of the world. Even to this day, he is remembered as *Hind-di-chadar* (literally, the cover-let of India), protector of India's honour.

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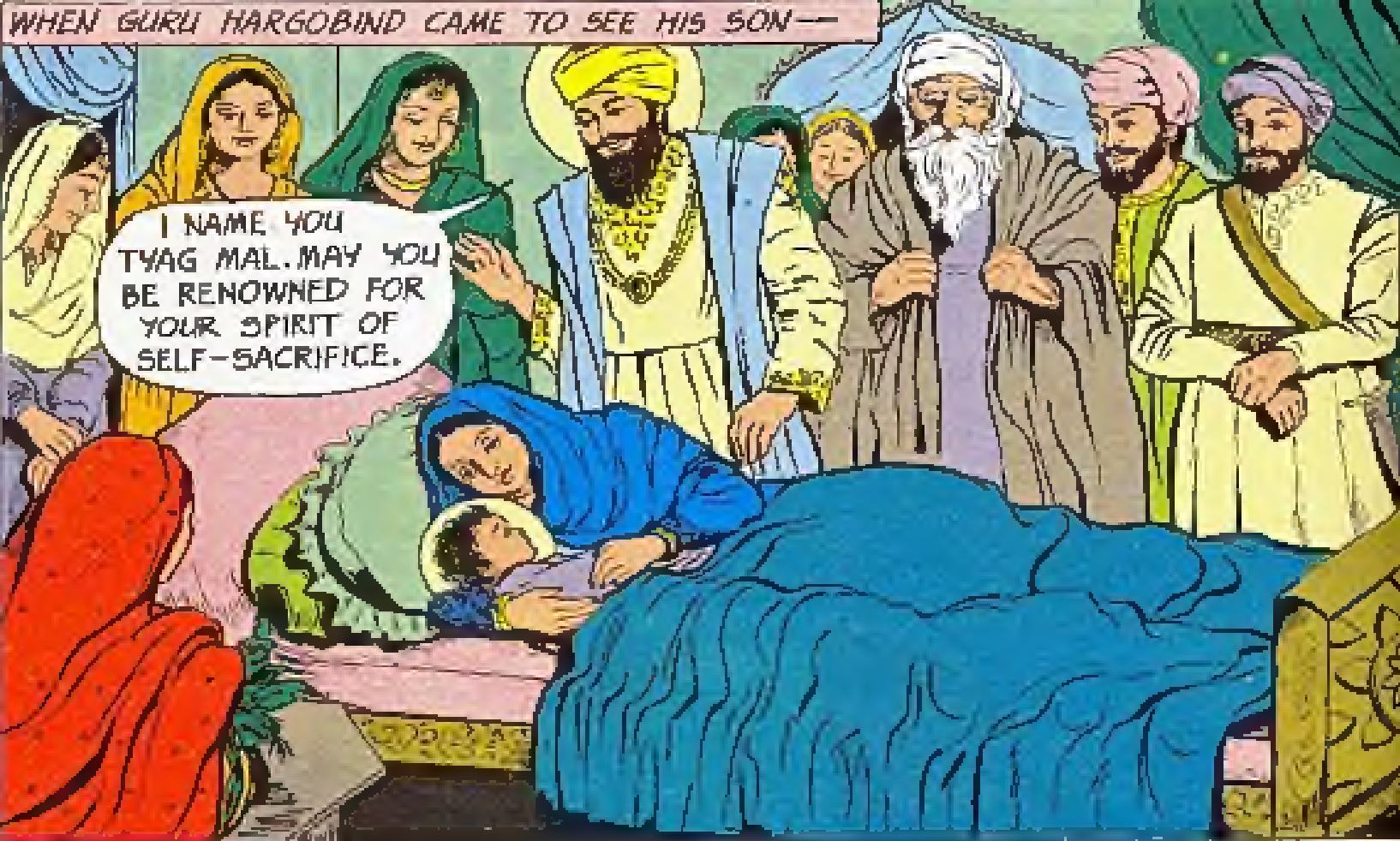
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GURU TEGH BAHADUR



AT DAWN, ON APRIL 1, 1621, A CHILD WAS BORN IN THE HOLY CITY OF AMRITSAR, TO NANKI AND GURU HARGOBIND, THE SIXTH GURU OF THE SIKHS.

WHEN GURU HARGOBIND CAME TO SEE HIS SON—



WHEN TYAG MAL WAS FOUR AND A HALF YEARS OLD, GURU HARGOBIND TOOK HIM TO BHAI BUDDHA.



THE HOLY TEACHER TAUGHT TYAG MAL THE SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES...



... THE USE OF WEAPONS...



... AND MUSIC AND POETRY.



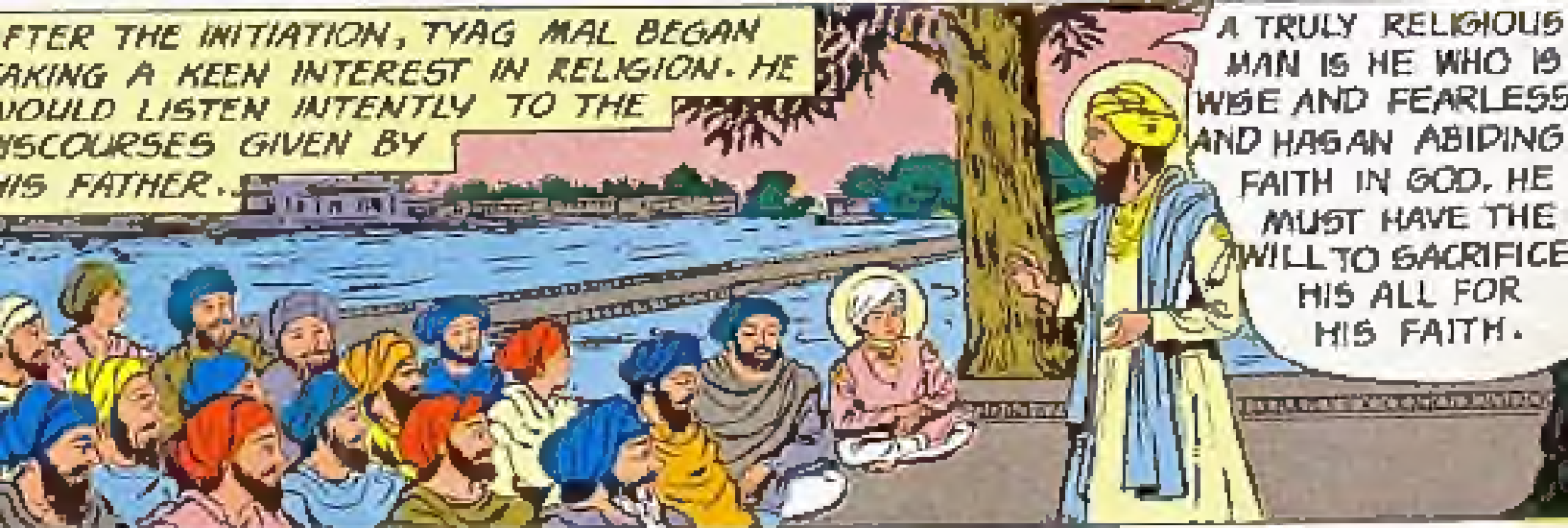
THREE YEARS LATER, TYAG MAL WAS INITIATED.



IN HIM, I SEE
A SAVIOUR OF
THE PEOPLE.



AFTER THE INITIATION, TYAG MAL BEGAN
TAKING A KEEN INTEREST IN RELIGION. HE
WOULD LISTEN INTENTLY TO THE
DISCOURSES GIVEN BY
HIS FATHER.

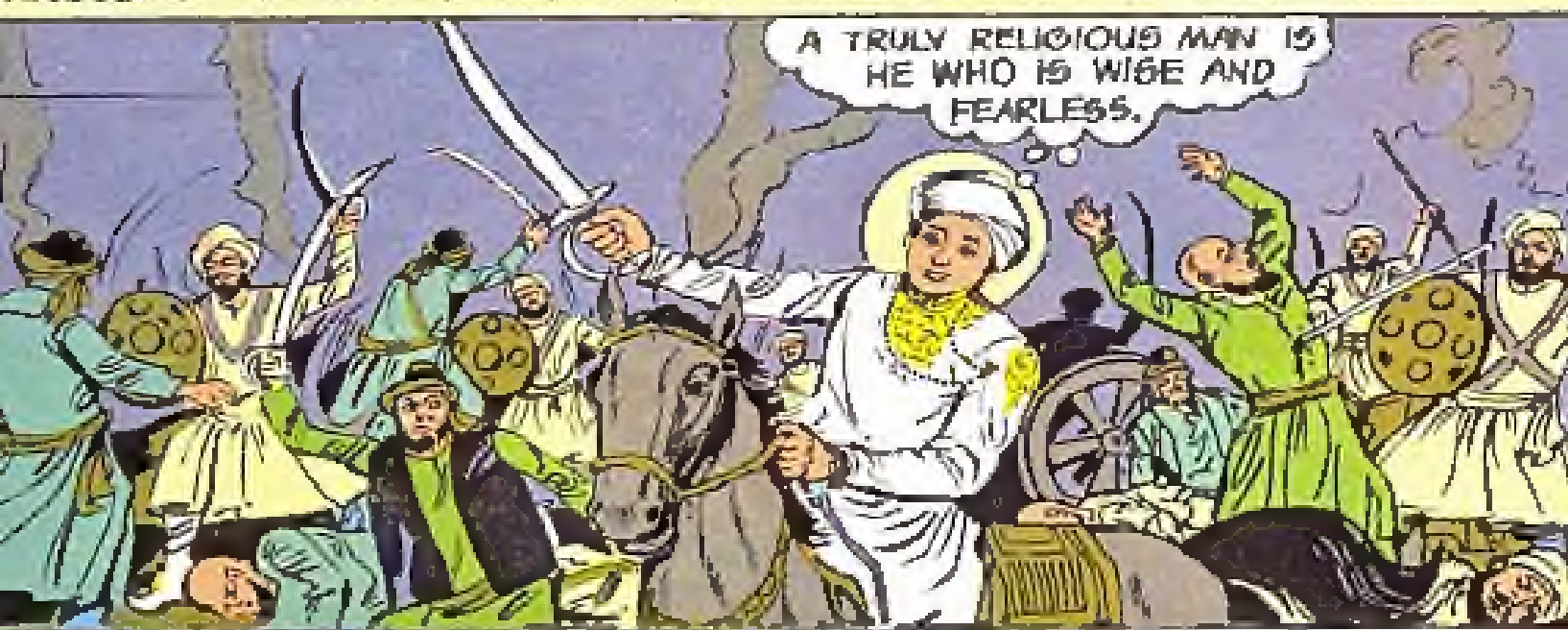


A TRULY RELIGIOUS
MAN IS HE WHO IS
WISE AND FEARLESS
AND HAS AN ABIDING
FAITH IN GOD. HE
MUST HAVE THE
WILL TO SACRIFICE
HIS ALL FOR
HIS FAITH.

WHEN HE WAS ELEVEN YEARS OLD, TYAG MAL
WAS MARRIED TO GUURI.



TWO YEARS LATER, THE MUGHAL ARMY LED BY KALE KHAN ATTACKED GURU HARGOBIND THIS WAS TYAG MAL'S FIRST BATTLE. BUT HE WAS UNDAUNTED.



A TRULY RELIGIOUS MAN IS HE WHO IS WISE AND FEARLESS.

THE ENEMY WAS GIVEN A CRUSHING DEFEAT.



TYAG MAL WREAKED HAVOC UPON THE ENEMY RANKS.

HE FOUGHT LIKE A LION.

IT WAS AFTER THIS BATTLE THAT GURU HARGOBIND RENAMED HIM TEGH BAHADUR—KNIGHT OF THE SWORD.

WHEN GURU HARGOBIND'S END DREW NEAR, HE APPOINTED YOUNG HAR RAI, TEGH BAHADUR'S NEPHEW, AS THE GURU. THE GURU WAS THEN AT KEERATPUR.

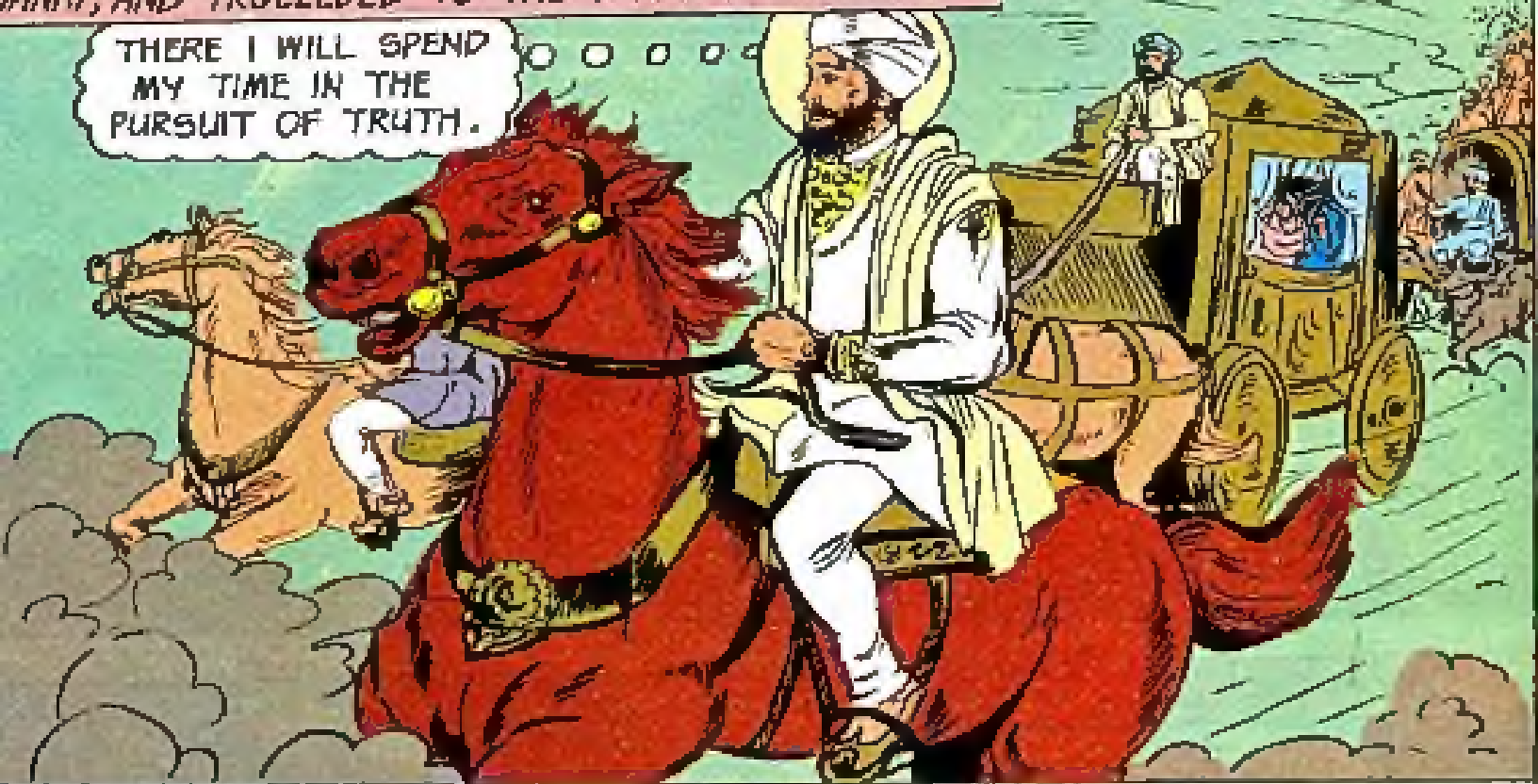


GURU HARGOBIND LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON MARCH 4, 1644.



EGH BAHADUR MOVED OUT OF AMRITSAR WITH HIS WIFE GUURI AND MOTHER JANKI, AND PROCEEDED TO THE VILLAGE OF BAKALA.

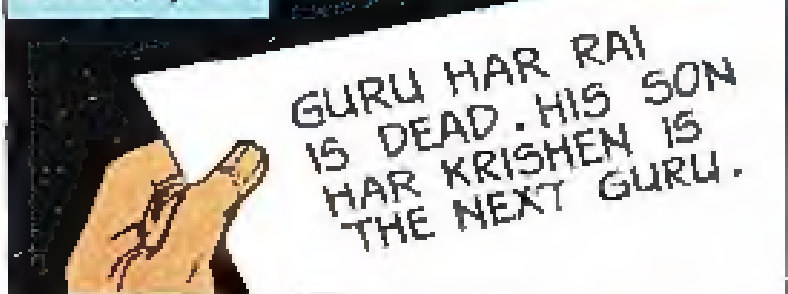
THERE I WILL SPEND MY TIME IN THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH.



FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS HE LIVED AT BAKALA DEVOTING ALL HIS TIME TO MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATION.



BUT HE KEPT HIMSELF INFORMED OF THE HAPPENINGS IN KEERATPUR. ONE DAY—



A FEW MONTHS LATER —



A FEW WEEKS LATER—

HAVE YOU HEARD ? GURU HAR KRISHN IS NO MORE. HE DIED OF SMALL-POX. WHILE DYING HE UTTERED THE WORDS BABA BAKALE.



WHEN THE NEWS SPREAD AT BAKALA, IMPOSTORS CAME FORWARD TO CLAIM THE TITLE.



I, DHIRMAL, THE GRANDSON OF GURU HARGOBIND AM THE GURU.



I AM THE NINTH GURU.

MEANWHILE, MAKHAN SHAM, A RICH TRADER WAS ON HIS WAY HOME. HIS SHIP WAS CAUGHT IN A STORM.

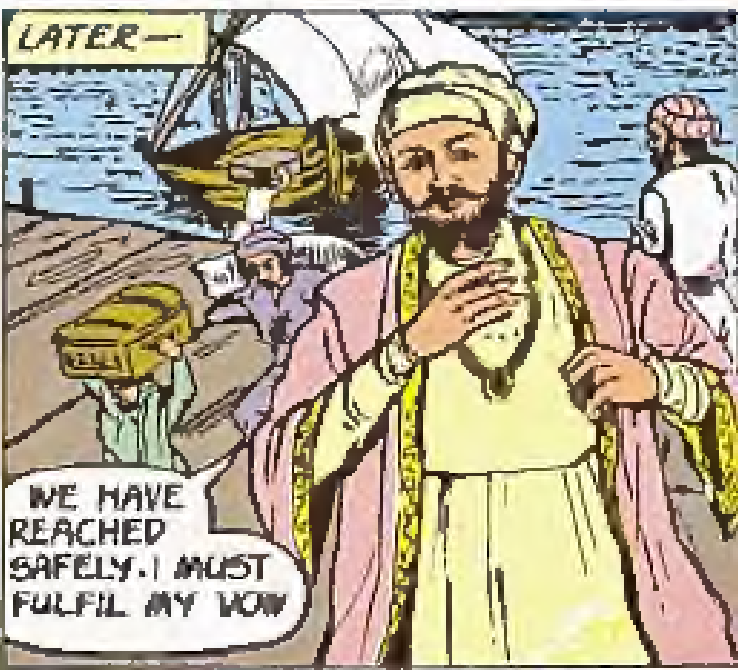


I SHALL DONATE FIVE HUNDRED GOLD COINS TO THE GURU...

...IF BY HIS GRACE I LAND SAFELY AT THE NEAREST PORT.



LATER—



WE HAVE REACHED SAFELY. I MUST FULFIL MY VOW

THE NEXT GURU IS AT BAKALA..

MAKHAN SHAH WITH HIS CONVOY ARRIVED AT BAKALA.

IS HE A NEW CLAIMANT TO THE TITLE?

NO, HE IS THE OWNER OF THE SHIPS WHICH CARRY PROVISIONS TO THE MUGHAL ARMY.

WHEN MAKHAN SHAH LEARNT THAT GURU HAR KRISHEN WAS DEAD, HE BEGAN HIS SEARCH FOR THE NEW GURU.

LISTEN TO ME. I SHALL GUIDE YOU.

THERE ARE MANY PRETENDERS HERE WHO ALL CLAIM TO BE HIS SUCCESSORS.

I WILL HAVE TO TEST THE CLAIMANTS.

HE FIRST WENT TO DHIRMAL'S CANOPY AND OFFERED HIM A SINGLE GOLD COIN.

I AM THE TRUE GURU. RICH PEOPLE LIKE YOU SHOULD BECOME MY DISCIPLES.

HE DOES NOT KNOW WHY I AM HERE.

HE IS NOT
THE TRUE
GURU.

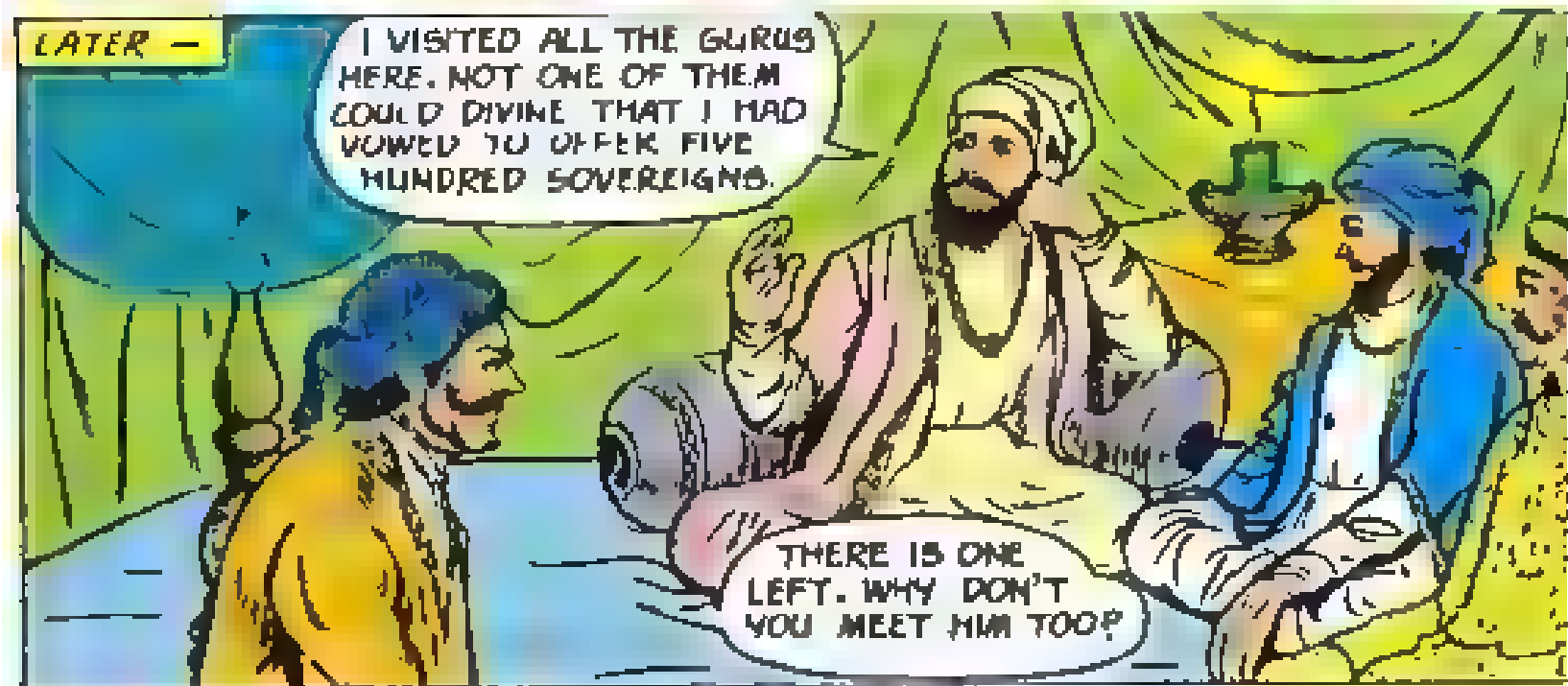


NO, HE TOO IS NOT
THE TRUE SUCCESSOR.



LATER —

I VISITED ALL THE GURUS
HERE. NOT ONE OF THEM
COULD DIVINE THAT I HAD
VOWED TO OFFER FIVE
HUNDRED SOVEREIGNS.



THERE IS ONE
LEFT. WHY DON'T
YOU MEET HIM TOO?

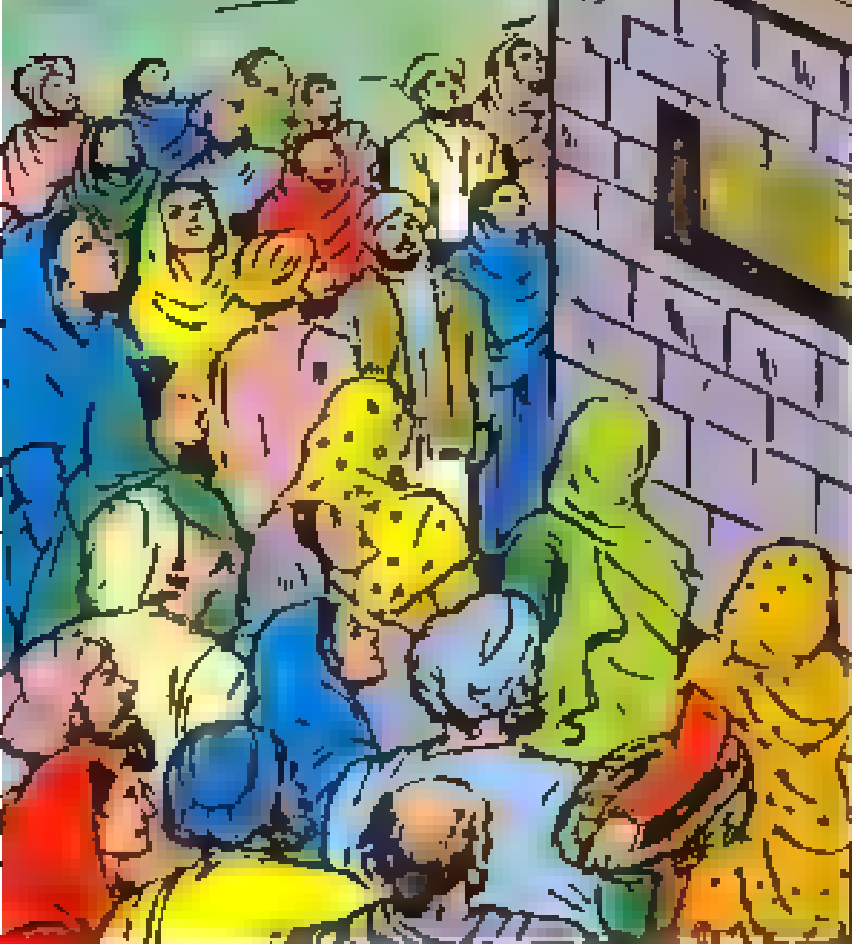
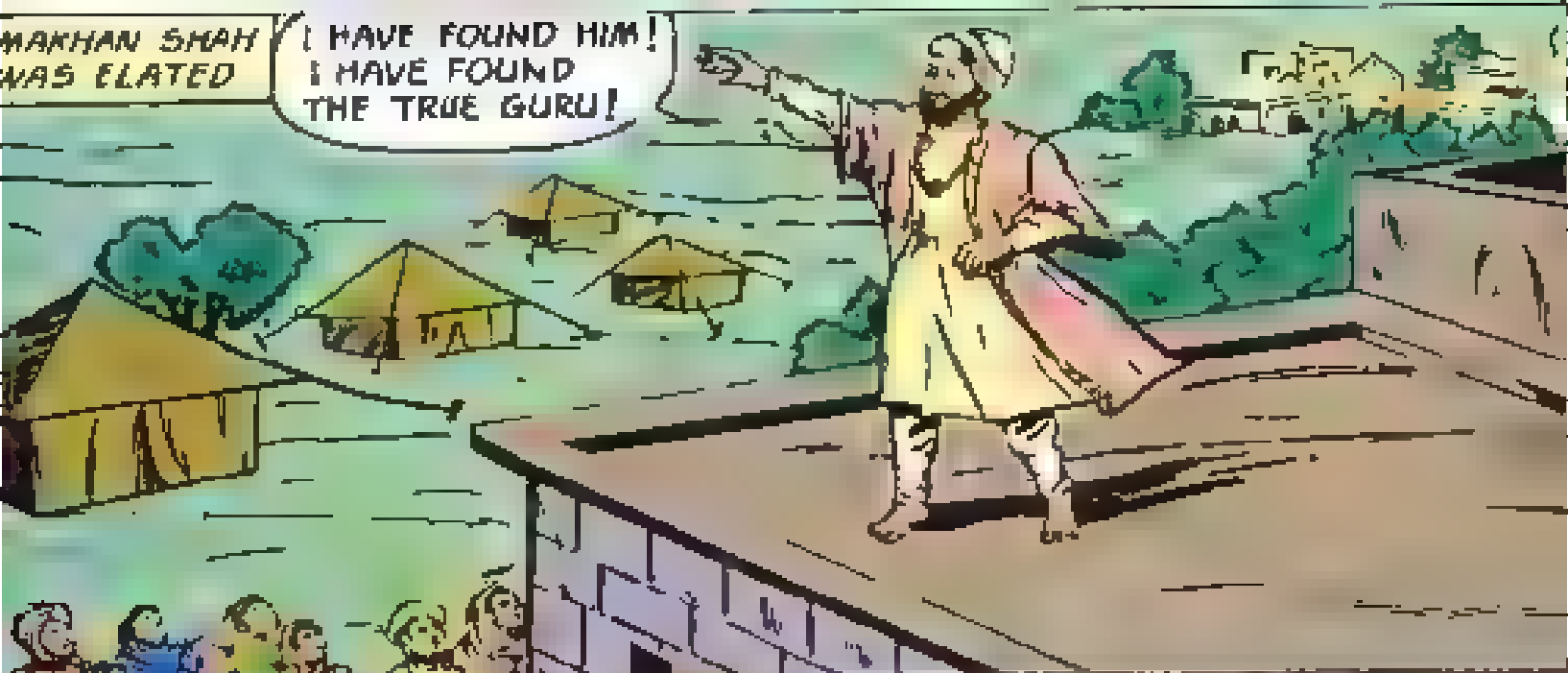
WHEN MAKHAN SHAH WENT TO SEE TEGH BAHADUR —

BE CONVINCED AND FULFIL
YOUR PROMISE LIKE A
TRUE DEVOTEE BY OFFER-
ING THE PROMISED FIVE
HUNDRED SOVEREIGNS
INSTEAD OF ONE.



MAKHAN SHAH
WAS ELATED

I HAVE FOUND HIM!
I HAVE FOUND
THE TRUE GURU!



STUNNED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS,
DHIRMAL AND HIS DISCIPLE, SHIHAN,
PLANNED TO KILL THE GURU.

HIRE A BAND OF
RUFFIANS TO DO
THE JOB.



BUT WHEN THE CONSPIRATORS ATTACKED

DON'T SPARE THEM!
LET NO HARM COME
TO THE GURU.



SHIHAN RAISED HIS GUN AND SHOT AT THE GURU...



... BUT THE GURU'S FOLLOWERS WERE TOO QUICK FOR HIM.



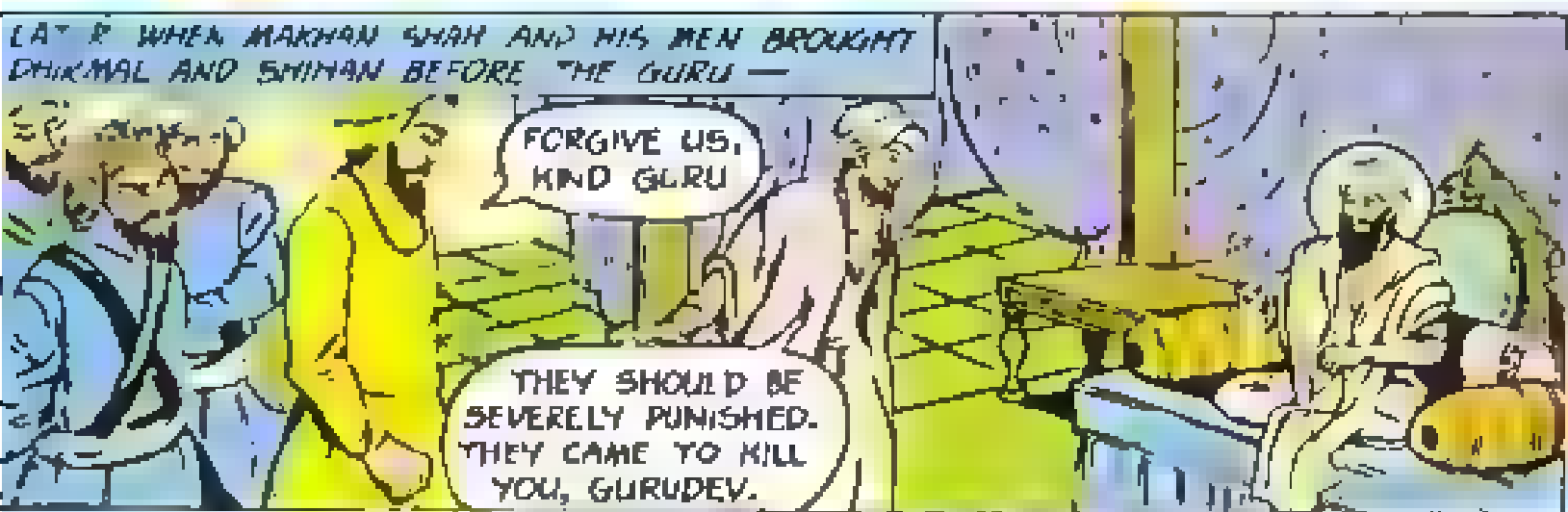
CATCH THE BANDITS!
DON'T LET THEM
ESCAPE!

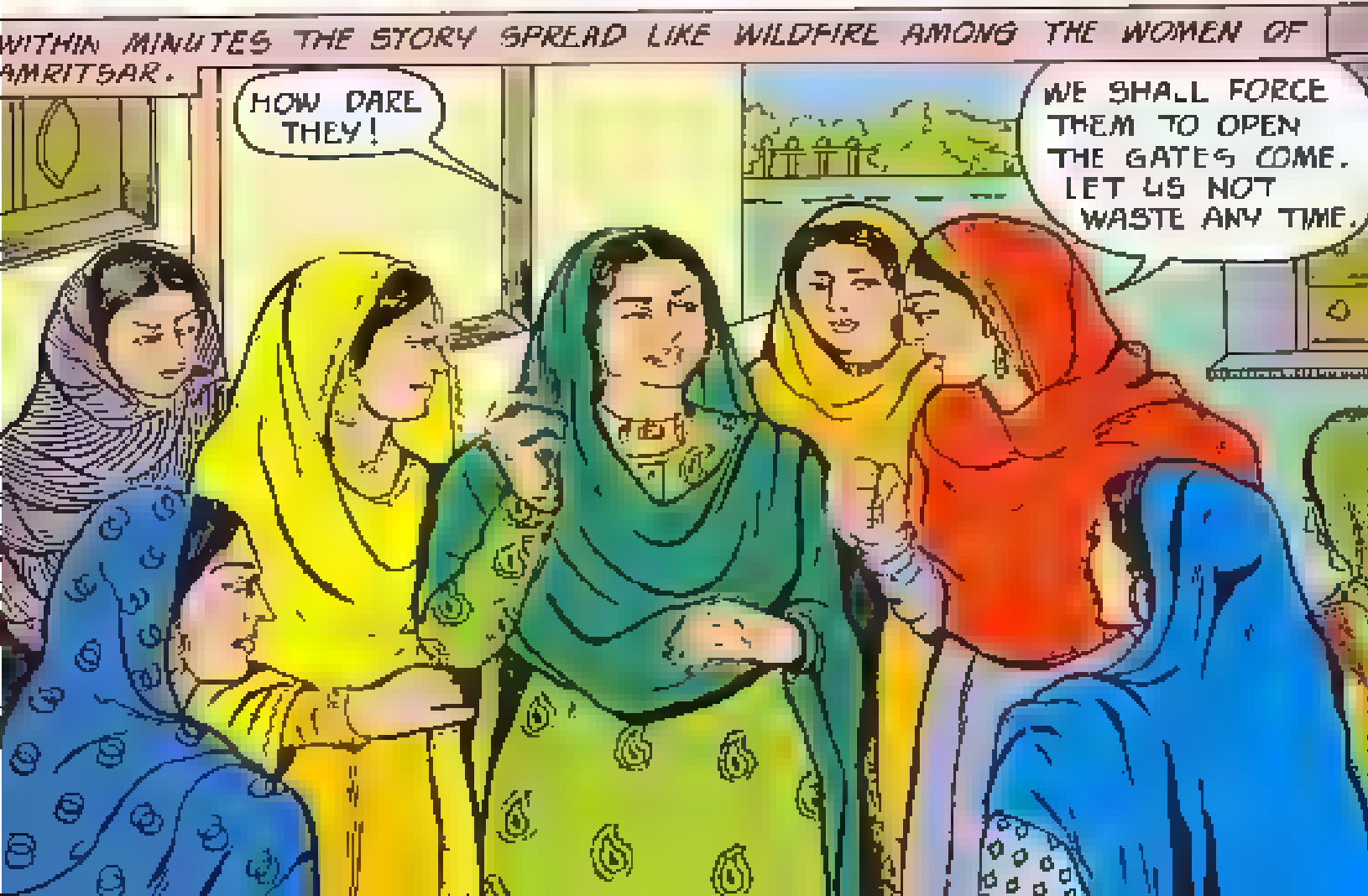


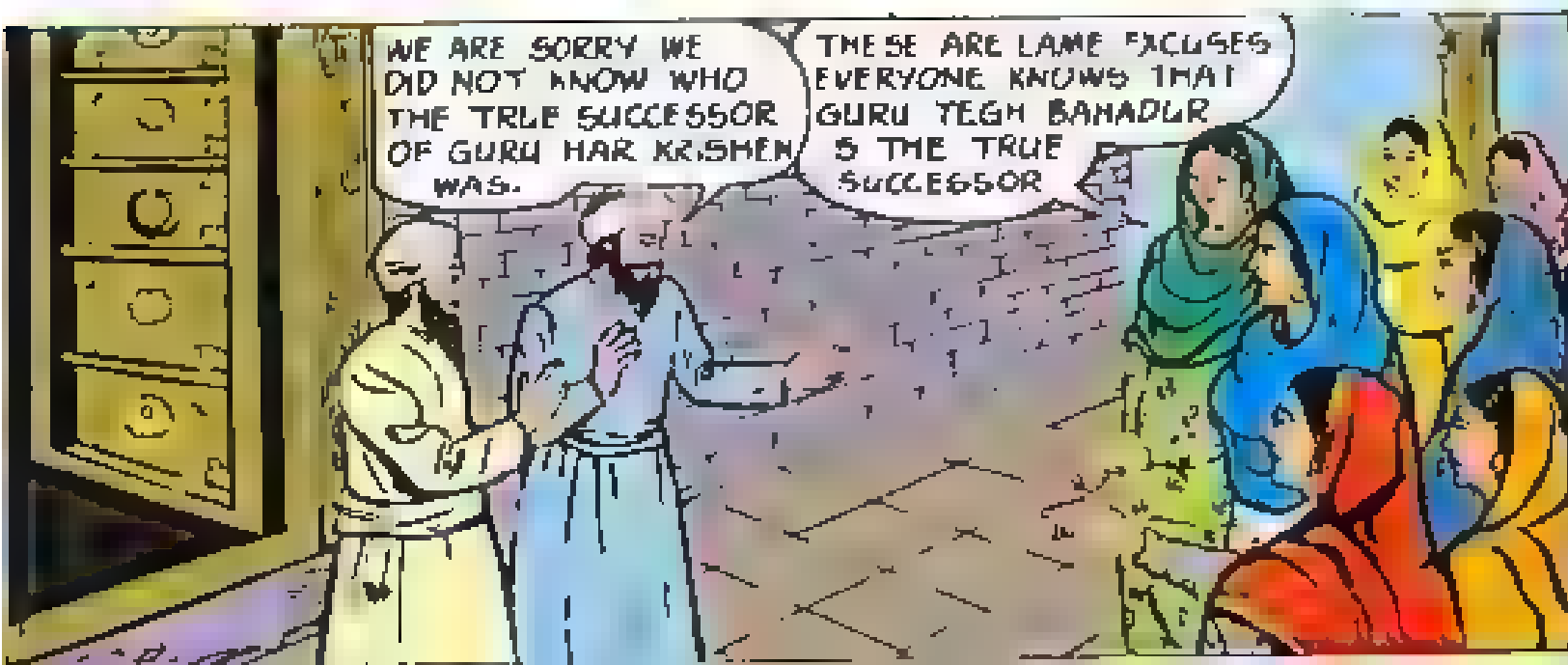
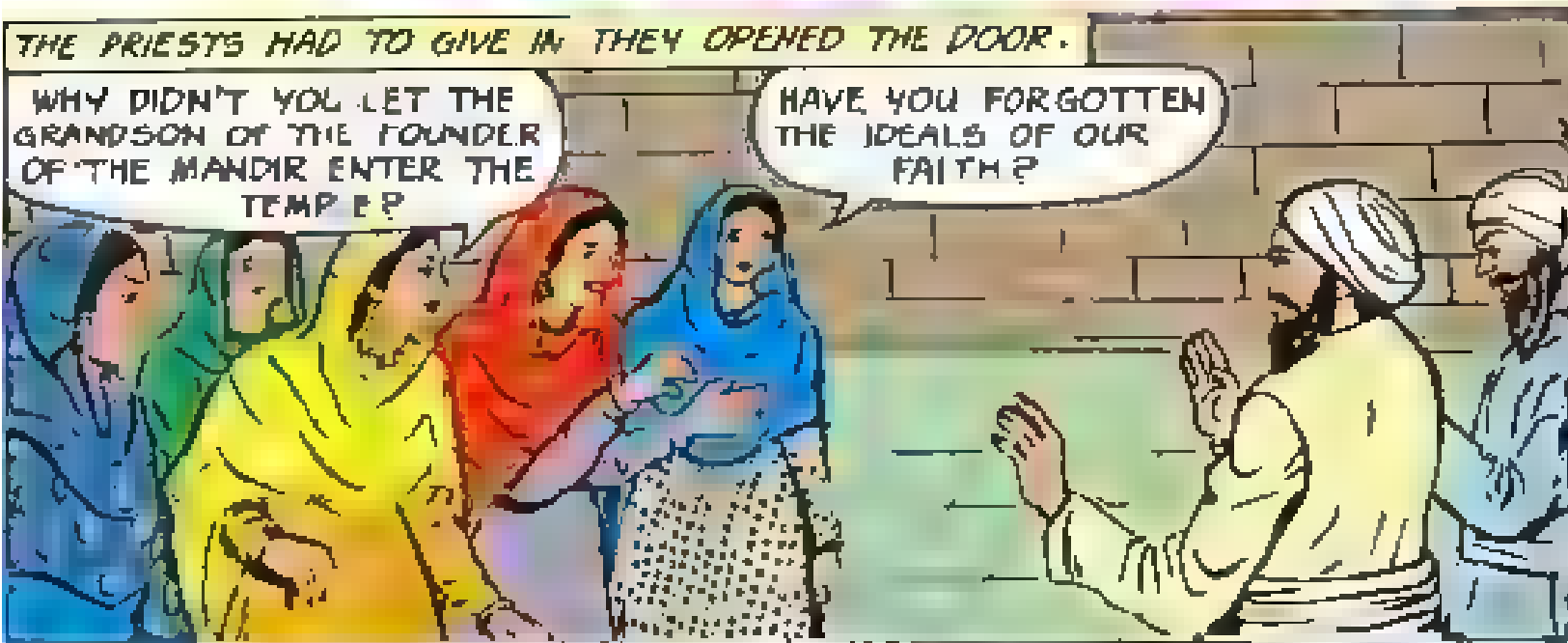
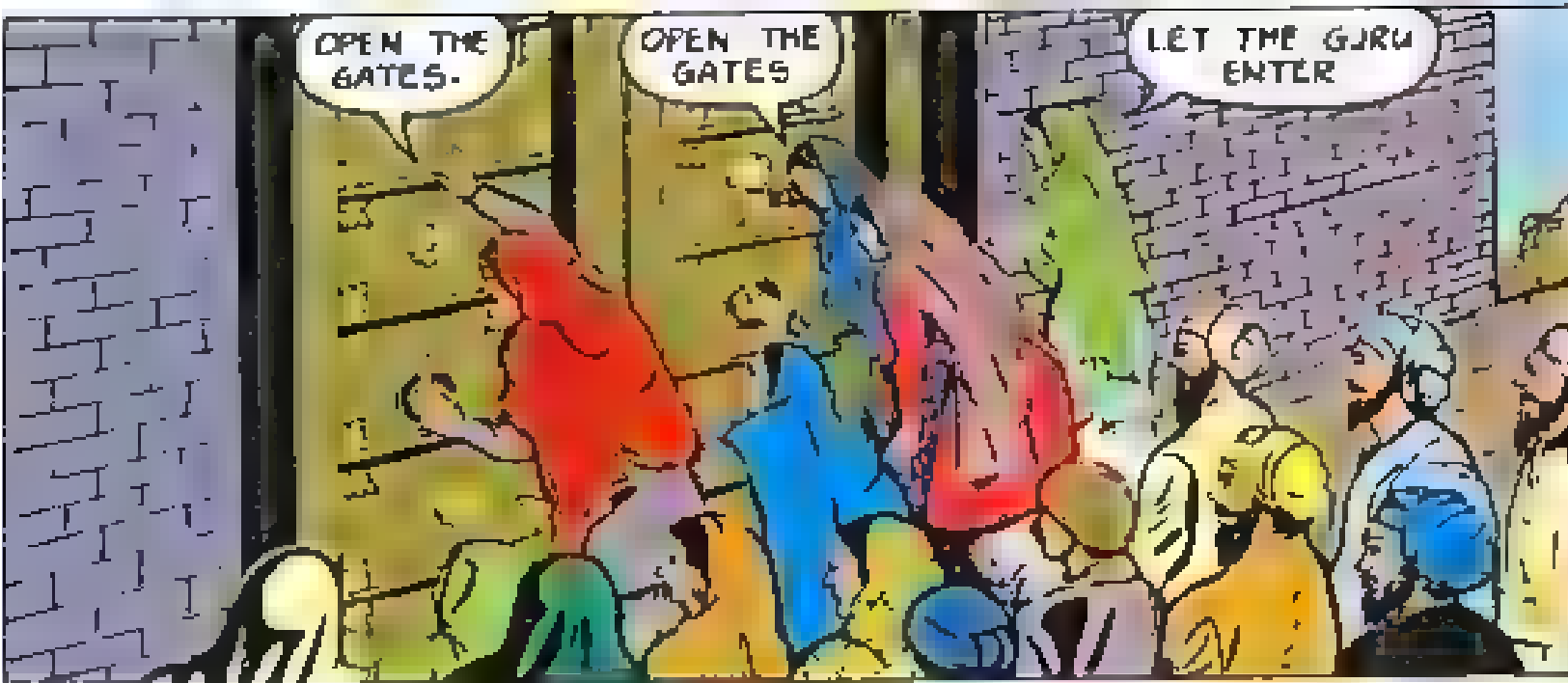
DHIRMAL! YOU
ARE MY NEPHEW!
YOU SHOULD NOT
INDULGE IN SUCH
DEEDS

DHIRMAL'S MEN BEAT A HASTY RETREAT.





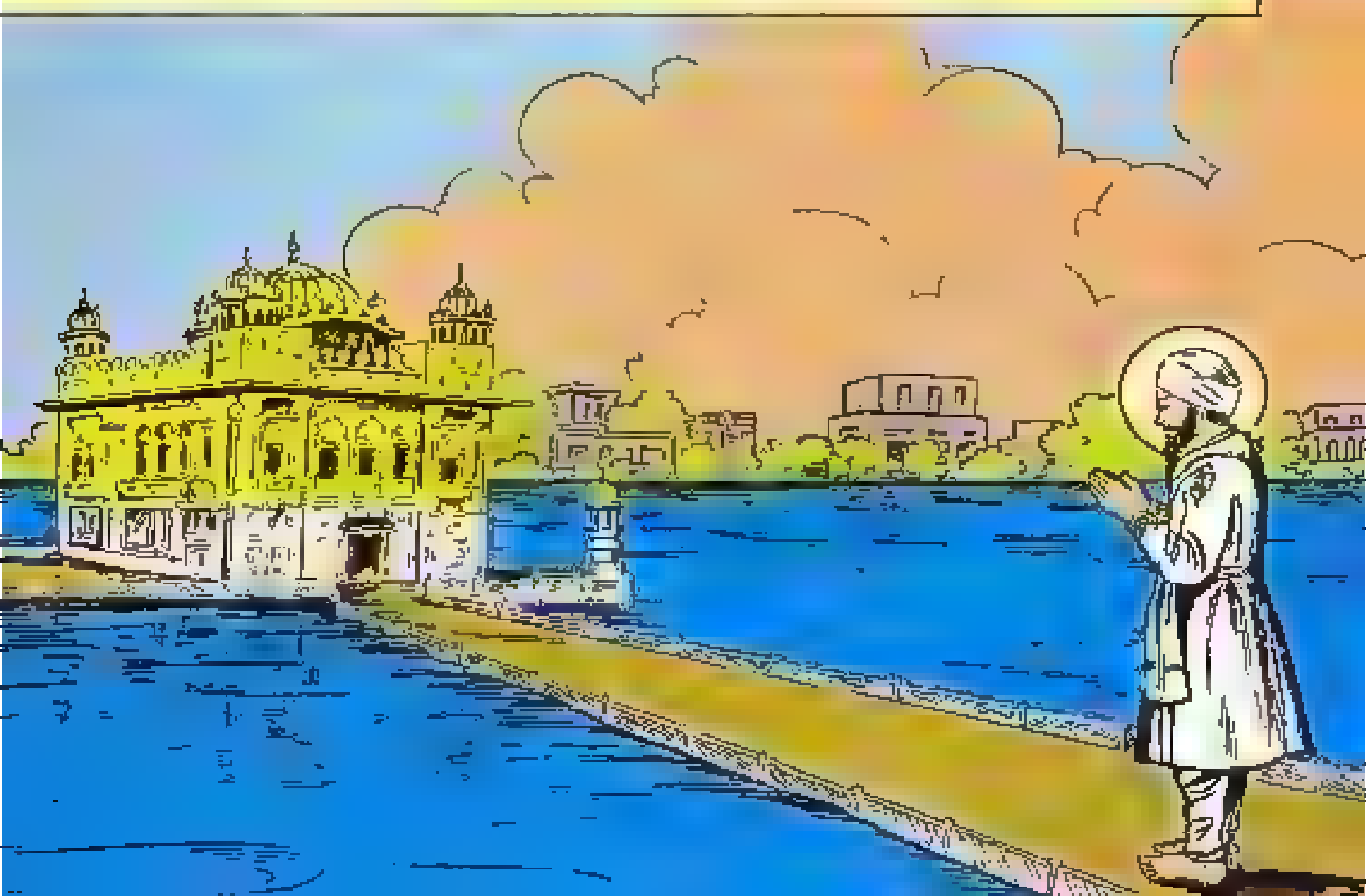




THE NEXT DAY THE PRIESTS APOLOGISED.



GURU TEGH BAHADUR NEXT DAY AGAIN WENT TO HAR MANDIR TO PRAY.



ONCE WHEN THE GURU PASSED THROUGH RUPAR, HE CAMPED IN THE LARGE GARDEN OF SAIFABAD. THE NAWAB OF SAIFABAD AND HIS BEGUM CAME TO SEE THE GURU WITH GIFTS

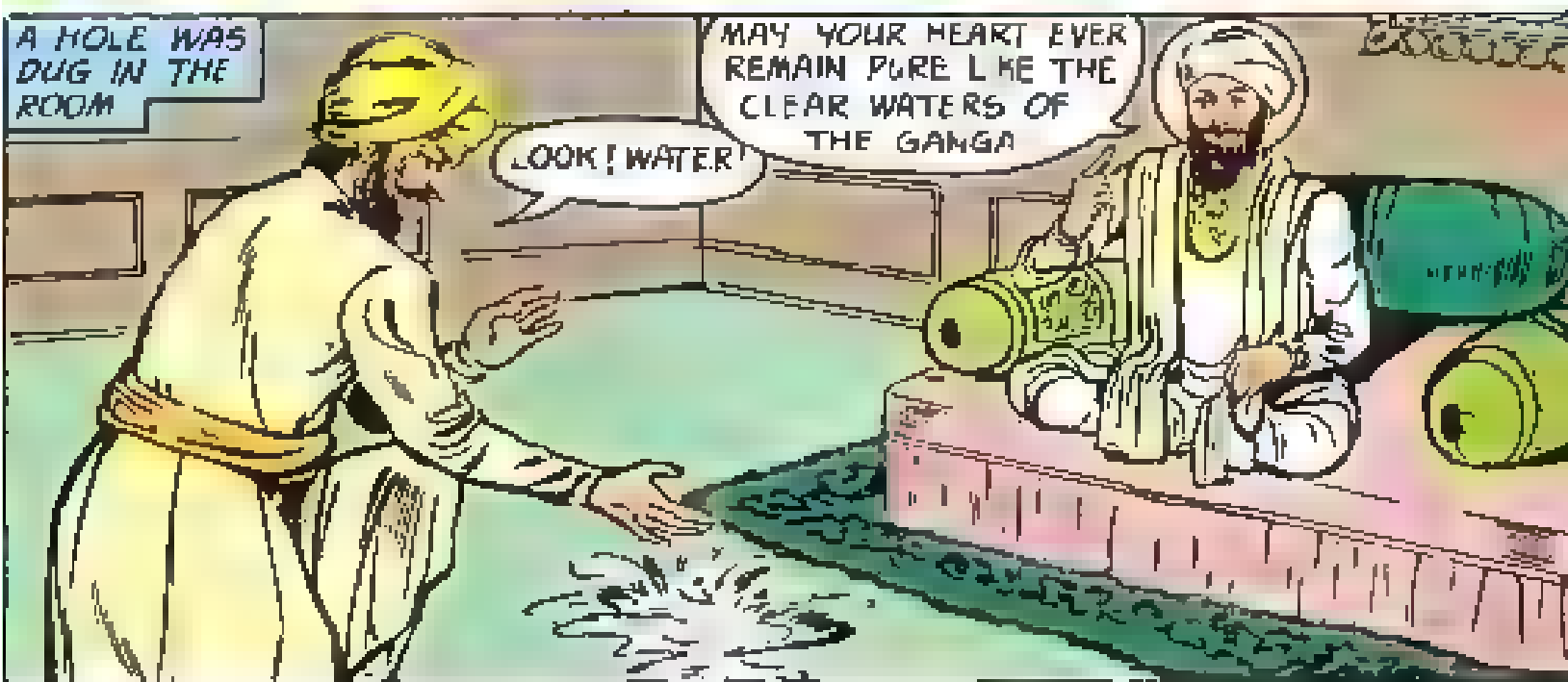
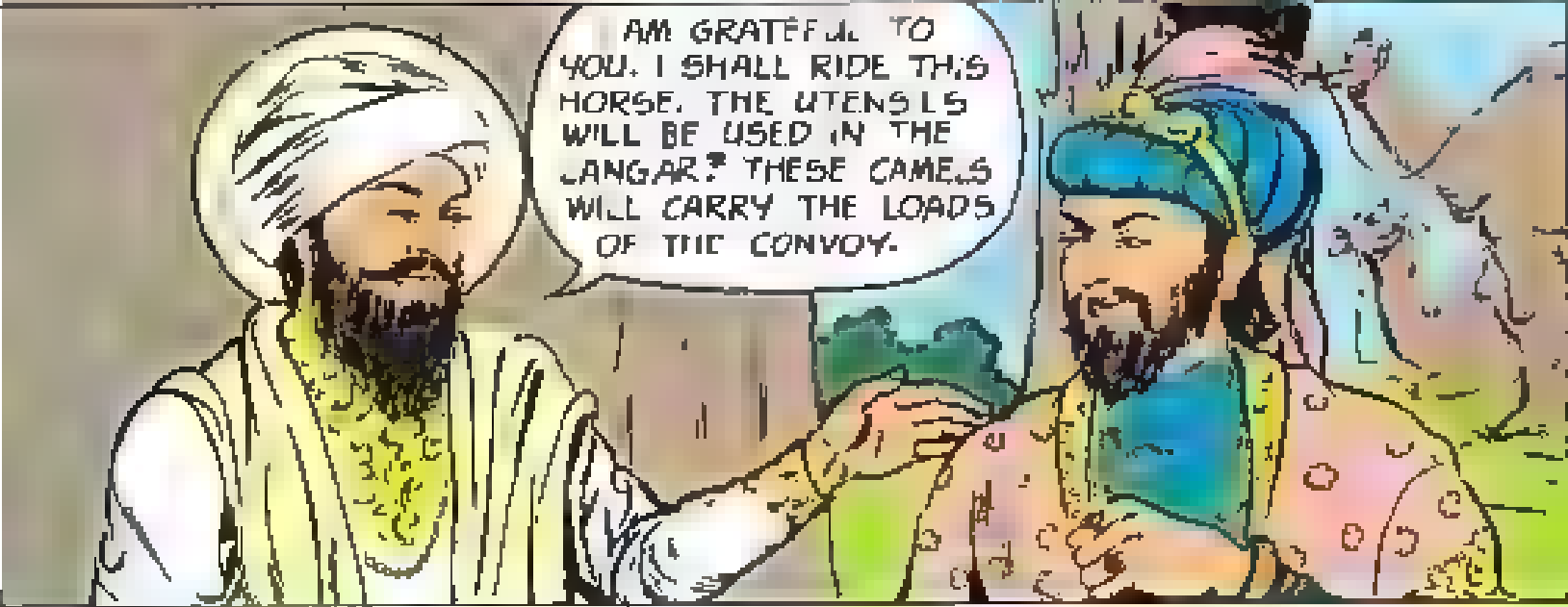
WON'T YOU HONOUR ME BY STAYING AT MY HUMBLE DWELLING?

FRIEND SAIFUDDIN, YOU ARE PURE OF HEART. WE ARE PLEASED TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION.

A FOR NIGHT LATER—

I CANNOT STAY FOR LONG AT ONE PLACE. I MUST MOVE ON.

ACCEPT MY HUMBLE OFFERINGS. YOU MAY NEED THEM DURING YOUR TRAVELS.



WHEN GOBINDRAJ, THE CHIEF'S SON, WAS BORN AT PATNA, GURU TEGH BAHADUR WAS AT Dacca.



MEANWHILE, RAJA RAM SINGH CAME TO MEET GURU TEGH BAHADUR AT Dacca



GURU TEGH BAHADUR CAMPED AT DHUBRI IN ASSAM, ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER. FIVE SONS BROUGHT BY THE RAJA PRAYED WITH THE GURU'S DISCIPLES.



* WHO LATER BECAME THE TENTH GURU, GOBIND SINGH

WHEN THE AHOMS HEARD OF THIS, THEIR LEADER ASSISTED BY OTHER
PRCEPSESSES, CAME TO THE OPPOSITE BANK

O MOTHER KAMAKHYA,
HELP US DESTROY THE
GURU AND HIS MEN.

THEY CRE ED A FIRE.

FIRE!

FIRE!

FIX YOUR MINDS
ON GOD AND NO
HARM WILL COME
TO ANYONE.

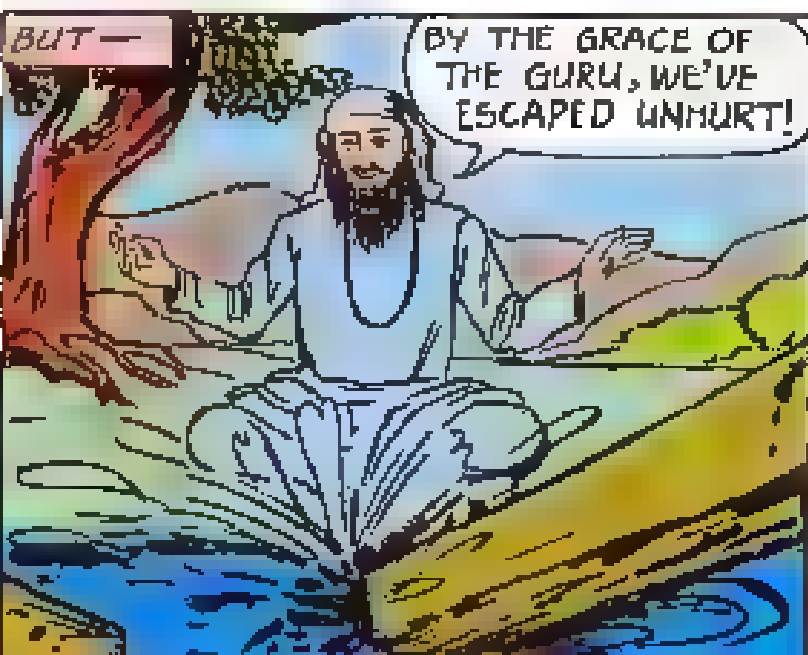
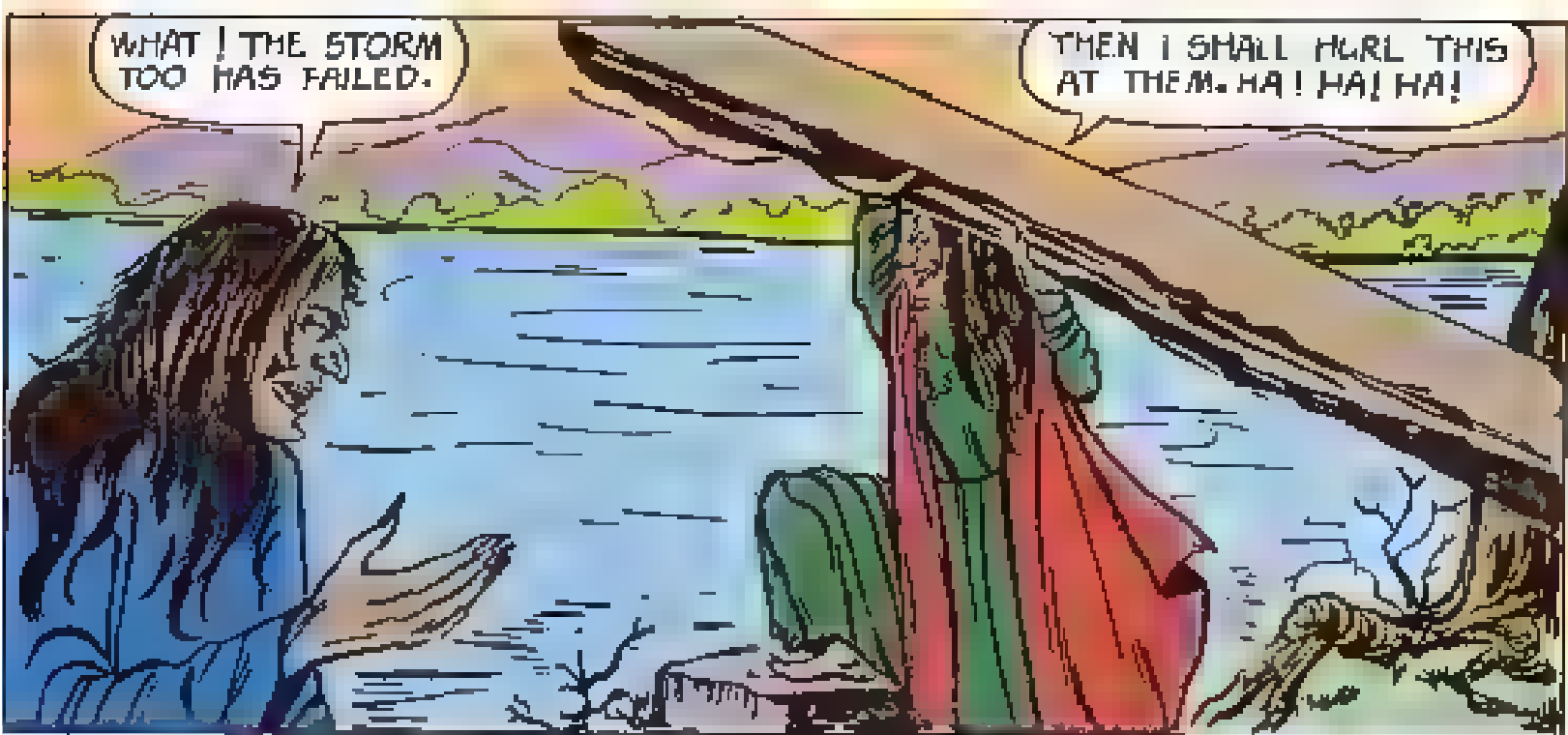
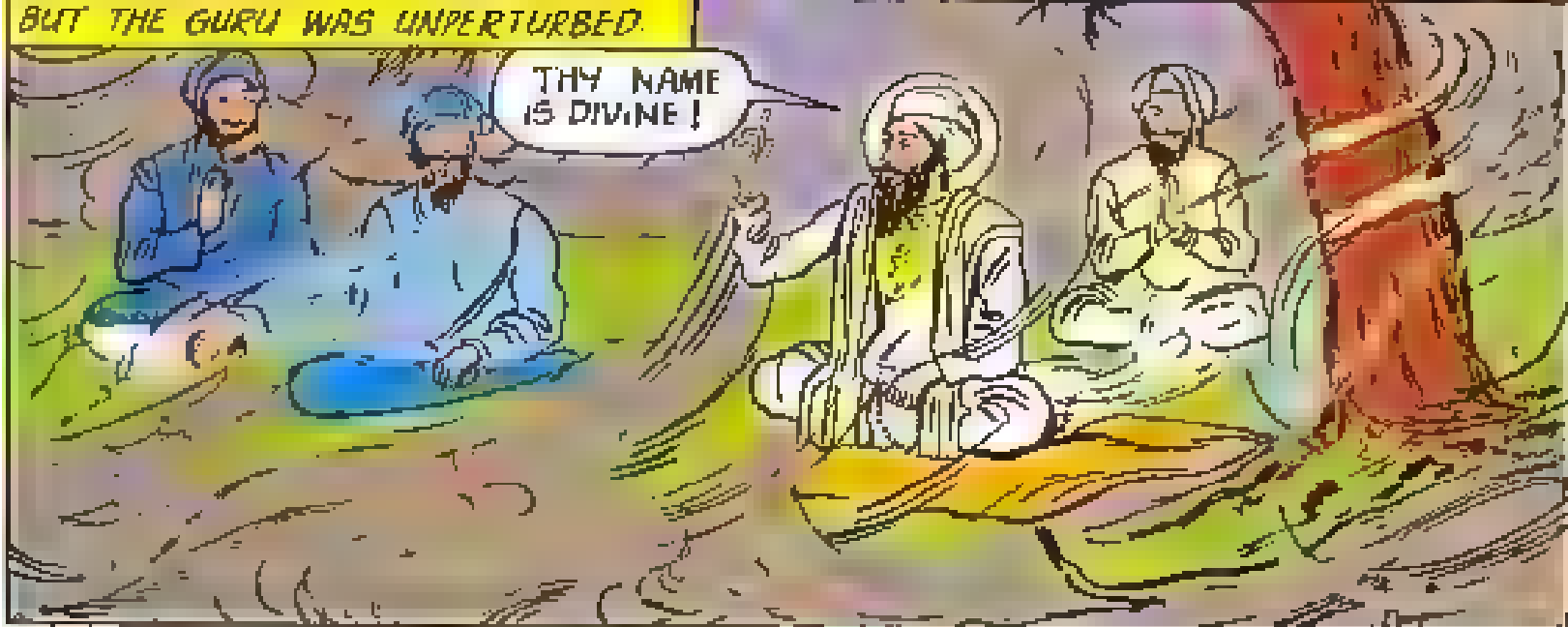
IN NO TIME, THE FIRE WENT OUT.

WAH-GURU!
WAH-GURU!

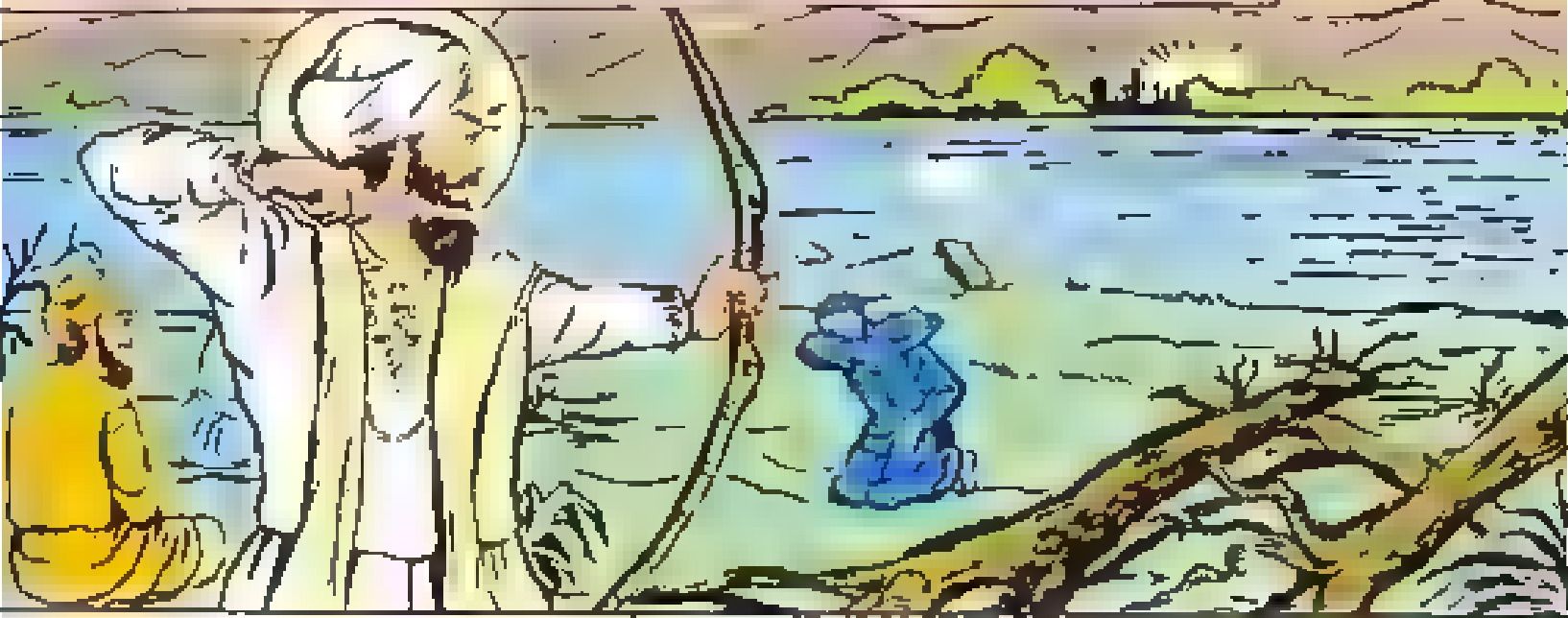
BUT THE AHOMS DID NOT GIVE UP.
THEY CREATED A TERRIBLE STORM.



BUT THE GURU WAS UNPERTURBED.



THE TREE FELL NEAR GURU TEGH BAHADUR AND HIS MEN. NO ONE WAS HURT
THE GURU RAISED HIS BOW AND AIMED AT THE ALTAR OF MAGIC.



THE ALTAR WAS DESTROYED AND WITH IT THE POWER OF THE SORCERESSES



THE LEADER CAME ACROSS AND
FELL AT THE GURU'S FEET.

FORGIVE ME,
O HOLY ONE

AR SE I DO NOT WASTE
YOUR VITAL ENERGY ON
THE EVIL, DESTRUCTIVE
PRACTICE OF SOR
CERY GIVE IT UP.



TWO OF THE THIEVES RAN AWAY.

COWARDS! LET THEM GO. WE SHALL TAKE AWAY THIS FINE HORSE.

BUT THEY WERE CAUGHT AND TAKEN TO THE GURU.

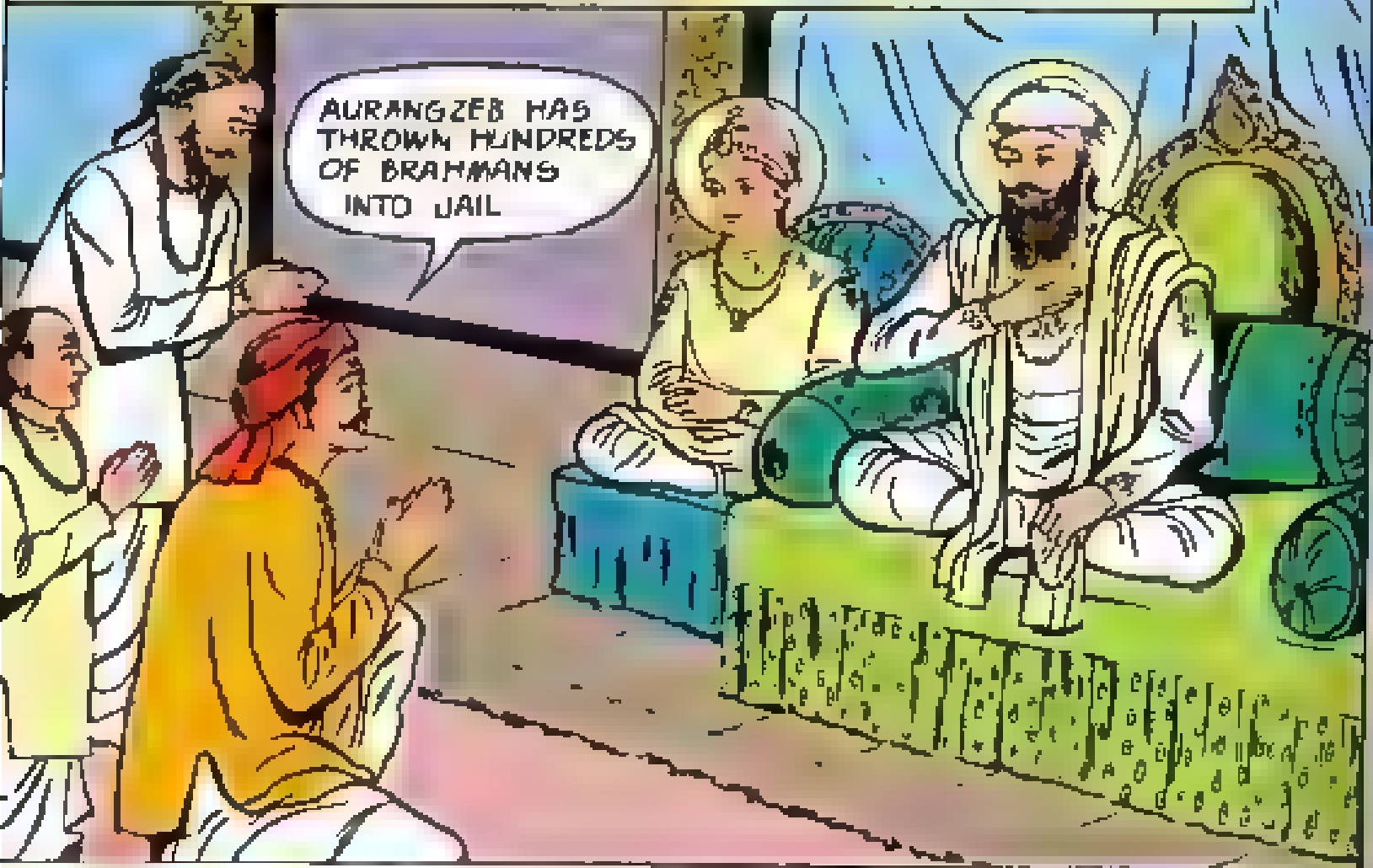
WE ARE THIEVES. WE CAME HERE TO STEAL WHATEVER WE COULD.

WHO ARE YOU, BROTHERS? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO STEAL WHAT BELONGS TO YOU. TAKE THE HORSE AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED.

NO, GURUJI! FORGIVE US GURUJI! WE HAVE SINNED. FORGIVE US!

MEANWHILE THERE WAS UNREST IN NORTH INDIA. IT WAS CAUSED BY THE RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE OF THE MUGHAL EMPEROR, AURANGZEB.



ONE DAY, SOME PROMINENT KASHMIRIS CAME TO THE GURUNI.



AS A RELIGIOUS LEADER,
I MUST PROTECT THE DHARMA.



WRITE TO AURANGZEB
THAT IF HE SUCCEEDS
IN CONVERTING
TEGH BHADUR, ALL
THE HINDUS OF THE
COUNTRY WILL ACCEPT
ISLAM. IF HE FAILS TO
DO SO, HE MUST GIVE
UP HIS PERVERTED POLICY
OF FORCIBLE CONVERSION.

AURANGZEB HAD HIM BROUGHT TO COURT



HOW CAN YOU
CLAIM TO BE
THEIR GURU WHEN
YOU ARE NOT
A BRAHMAN?

EVERY COMMUNITY MUST
HAVE THE RIGHT AND THE
FREEDOM TO PRACTISE
ITS RELIGION.



GIVE YOUR FINAL
ANSWER, WHEN ARE
YOU GOING TO
EMBRACE ISLAM?

THE POLICY OF FORCED
CONVERSION CANNOT, IN
THE LONG RUN, BEAR
ANY FRUIT, YOUR
MAJESTY

GURU TEGH BAHADUR AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE LOCKED UP IN THE CHANDNI CHOWK KOTWALI. SOME PROMINENT SIKHS OF DELHI CAME TO MEET THE GURU.

SATGURUJI, THE EMPEROR MAY ISSUE ORDERS TO KILL YOU. PLEASE PERMIT US TO BUY YOUR FREEDOM.

I HAVE COME HERE WITH THE FIRM INTENTION OF EITHER CHANGING THE MIND OF AURANGZEB OR SACRIFICING MY LIFE FOR THE CAUSE.

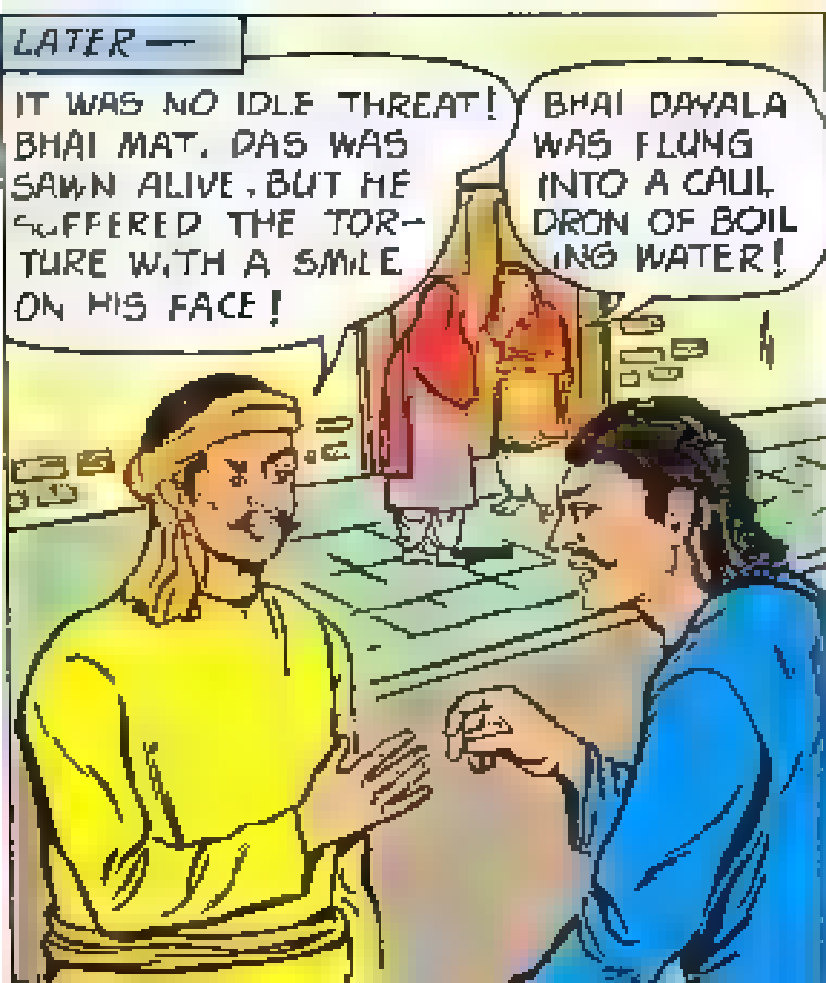
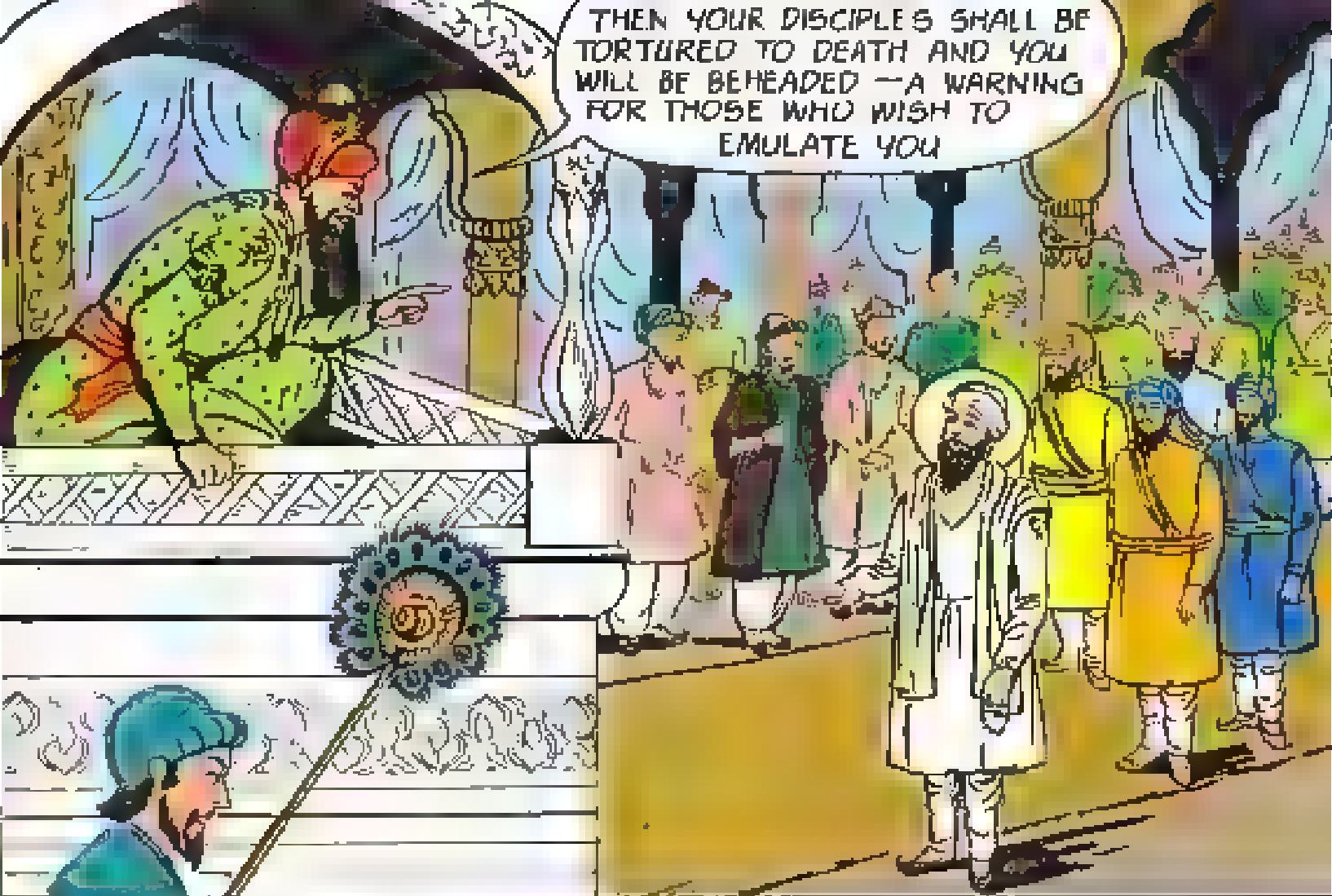
THE PRISONERS WERE SUMMONED TO THE COURT. AURANGZEB'S QAZI* PERSEVERED IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO CONVERT THE GURU.

YOU ARE NOW AT THE MERCY OF THE EMPEROR. ACCEPT ISLAM

INDIA IS A LAND OF MANY RACES, RELIGIONS AND CULTURES. IT IS WRONG TO IMPOSE ONE'S RELIGION ON THOSE WHO BELIEVE DIFFERENTLY.

THE EMPEROR COMMANDS YOU TO EITHER ACCEPT ISLAM OR SHOW KARAMAT.**

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN DISPLAYING OCCULT POWERS TO SAVE MY LIFE



IT WAS TEGH BAHADUR'S TURN NEXT



HE WAS BEHEADED, THE MUGHALS REFUSED TO GIVE HIS BODY TO HIS DEVOTEES.

BHAI JETHA STOLE THE HEAD OF THE GURU



THE LORD HAS LEFT FOR HEAVEN



HOW CAN WE LIVE WITHOUT HIM?

SUDDENLY A STORM BROKE IN THE CITY.



A CONVOY APPROACHED THE SITE. IT BELONGED TO LAKHI SHAH, THE BINJARA

MAKE WAY FOR THE CONVOY OF THE ROYAL CONTRACTOR.

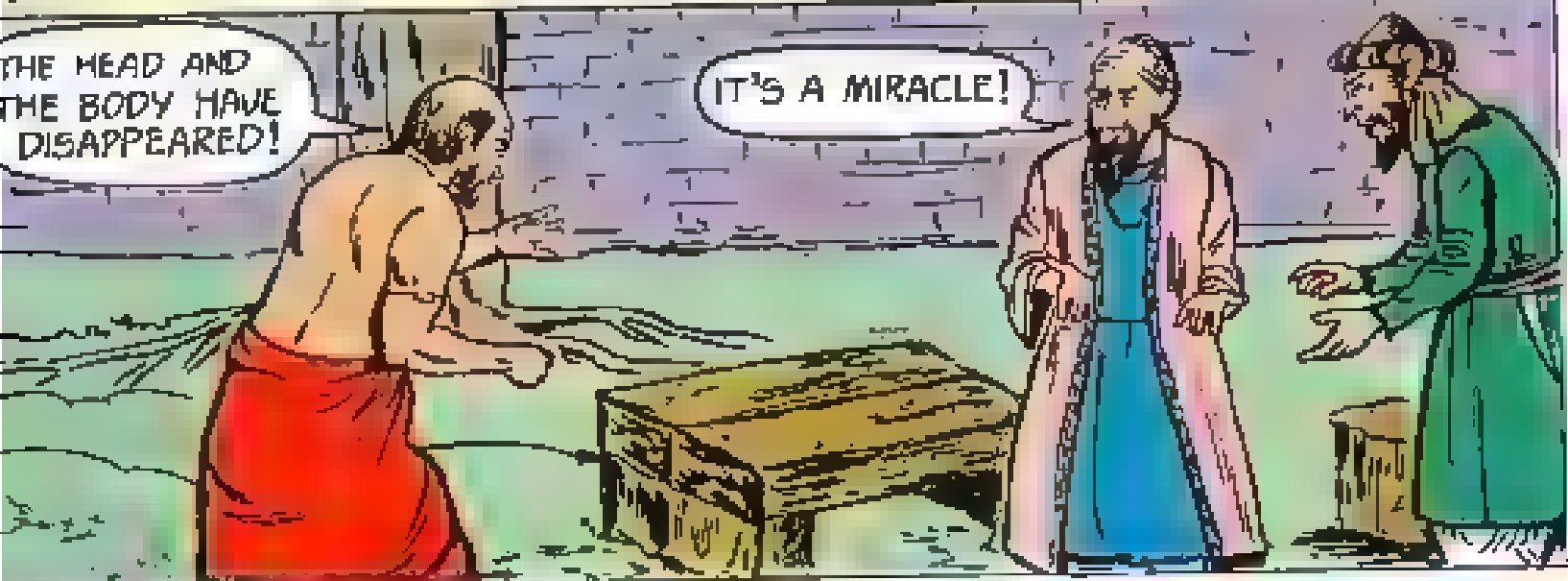


A NOMADIC COMMUNITY WHO MADE ITS LIVING BY TRANSPORTING GOODS FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

AS SOON AS THE CONVOY DEPARTED, THE STORM SUBSIDED.

THE HEAD AND
THE BODY HAVE
DISAPPEARED!

IT'S A MIRACLE!



COULD THEY HAVE
RISEN UP TO
HEAVEN?

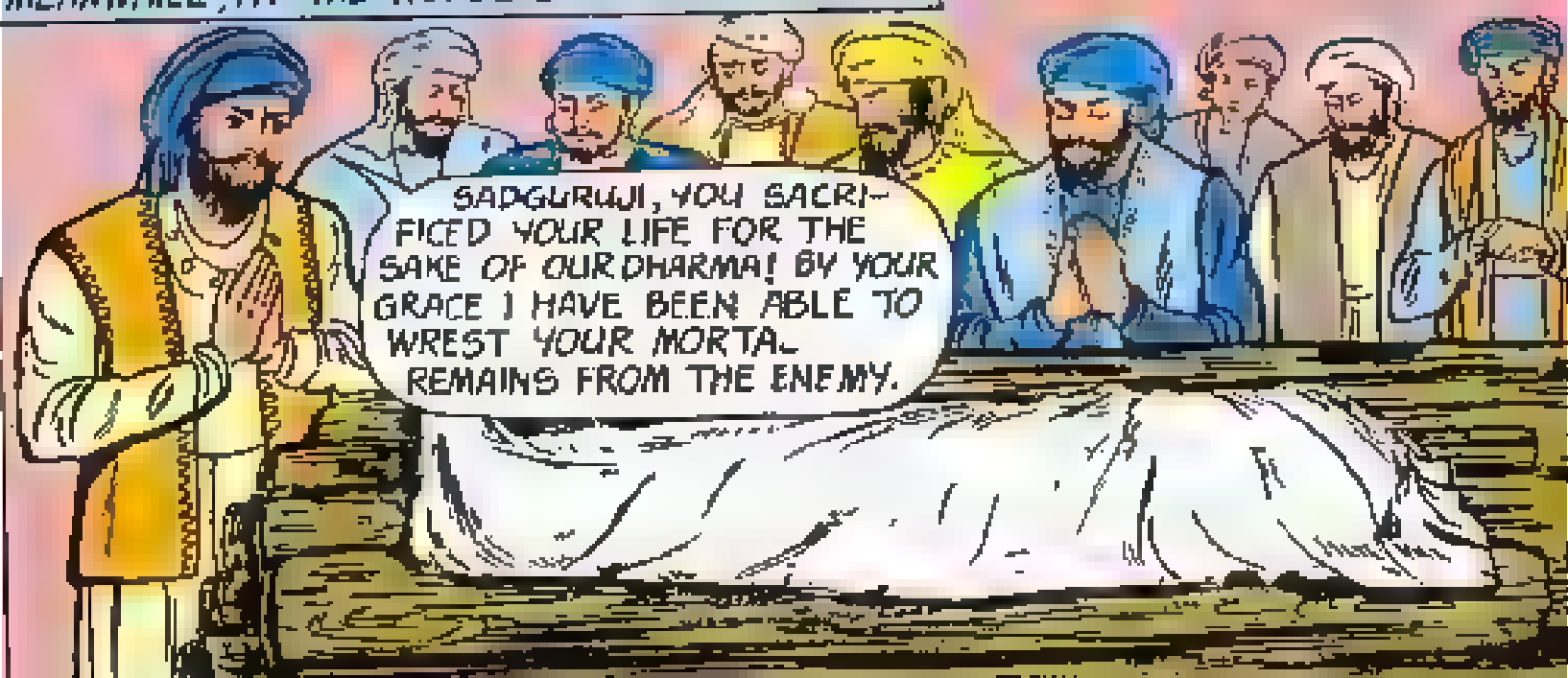


DON'T BE
ABSURD!



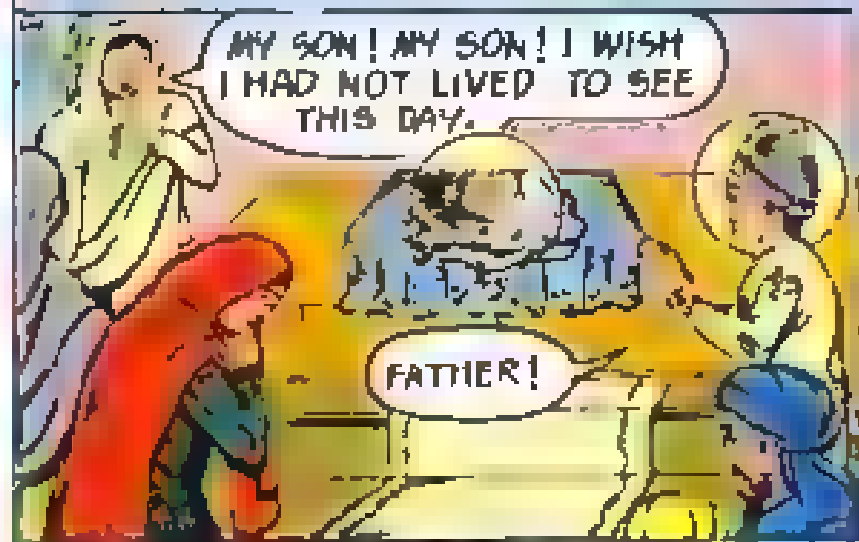
MEANWHILE, AT THE HOUSE OF LAKHI SHAH —

SADGURUJI, YOU SACRI-
FICED YOUR LIFE FOR THE
SAKE OF OUR DHARMA! BY YOUR
GRACE I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
WREST YOUR MORTAL
REMAINS FROM THE ENEMY.





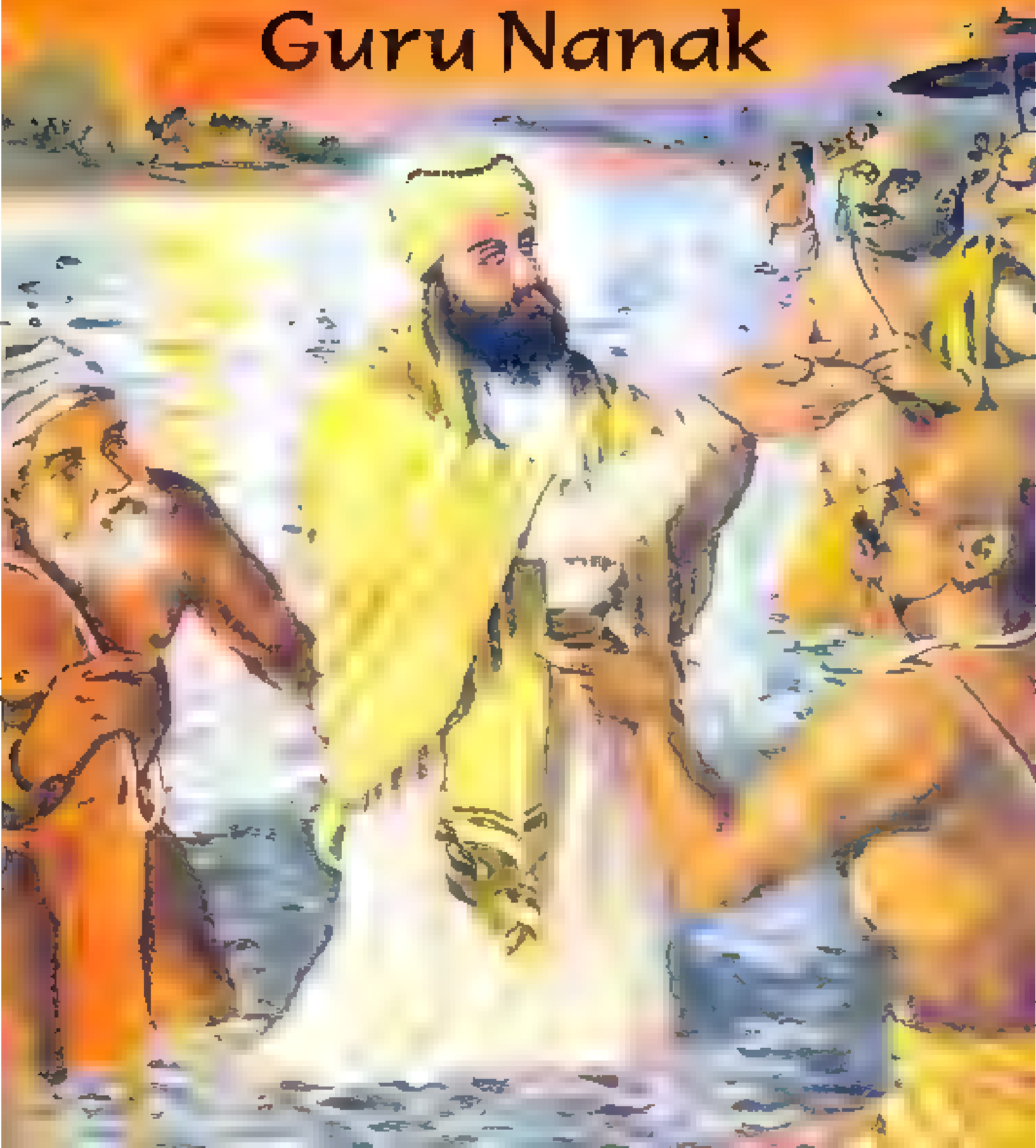
MEANWHILE BHAI JETHA CARRIED THE HEAD OF THE GURU TO GOBINDRAI, MATA GUJRI AND MATA NANKI AT KEERATPUR



THERE, ON THE HEAD OF THE GURU WHO SACRIFICED HIS LIFE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE DHARMA, IT WAS CREMATED AND TO THIS DAY, HE IS REMEMBERED WITH LOVE AND ADMIRATION BY PEOPLE OF ALL CREEDS.



Guru Nanak





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Guru Nanak

Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, was born in a critical period of India's history. On the one hand, people were divided into castes, sects and factions; on the other, the Muslim rulers committed atrocities on the Hindus and other weaker sections of society. Overcome by hardship and misery, the people cried for a saviour. Nanak came as God's messenger in the common man's hour of need.

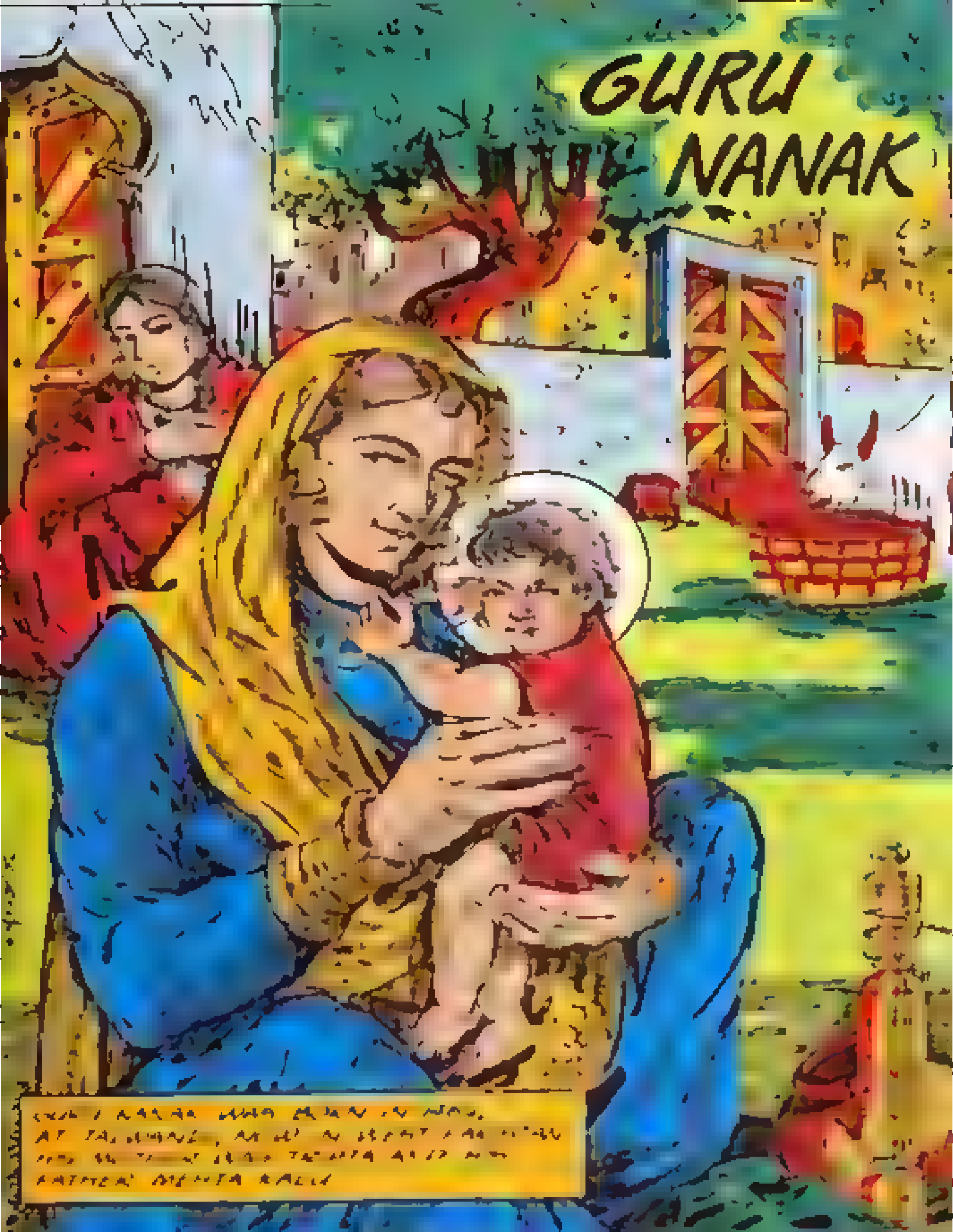
It was a period of transition from medieval times to modern. Men of action and thought explored the world of matter and spirit. Guru Nanak revealed the secret of man's spiritual potential. Similarly, he accepted life's struggles and hardships and pioneered a movement of reform in social and religious conduct. He reformed the dregs of society through argument, conviction and personal example. His followers, called 'Sikhs', formed a group of God-fearing men and women devoted to the service of the people. He laid down simple rules of conduct through which man could find fulfillment in leading a humane and meaningful life.

Hindus and Muslims alike revered him. His life is an inspiring example of the practice of truth, love and humility.

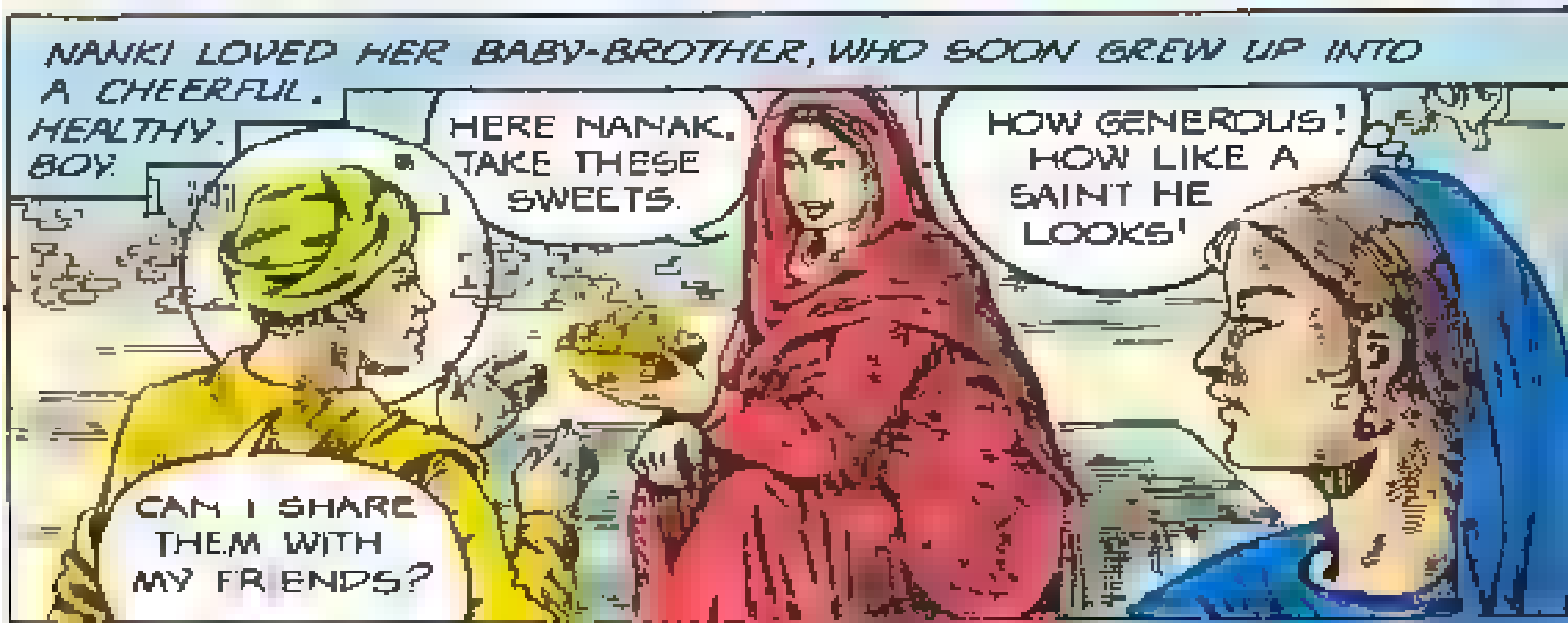
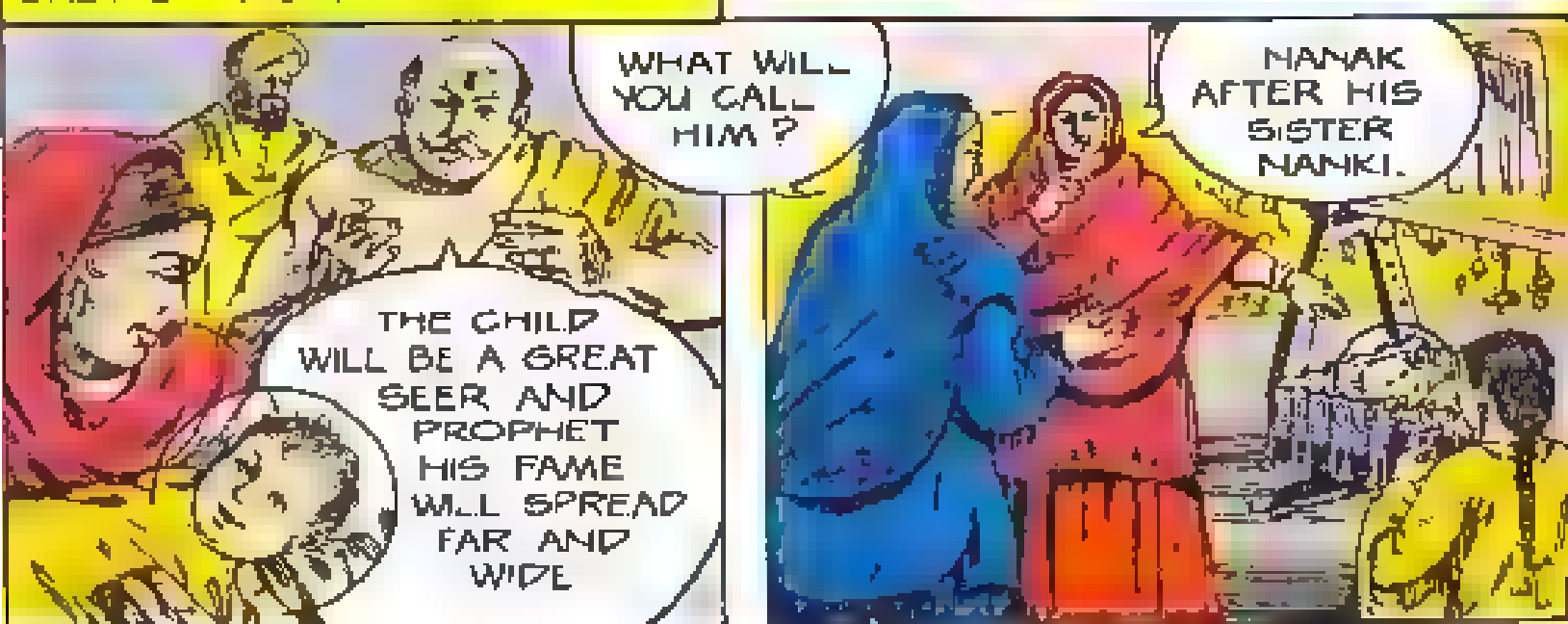
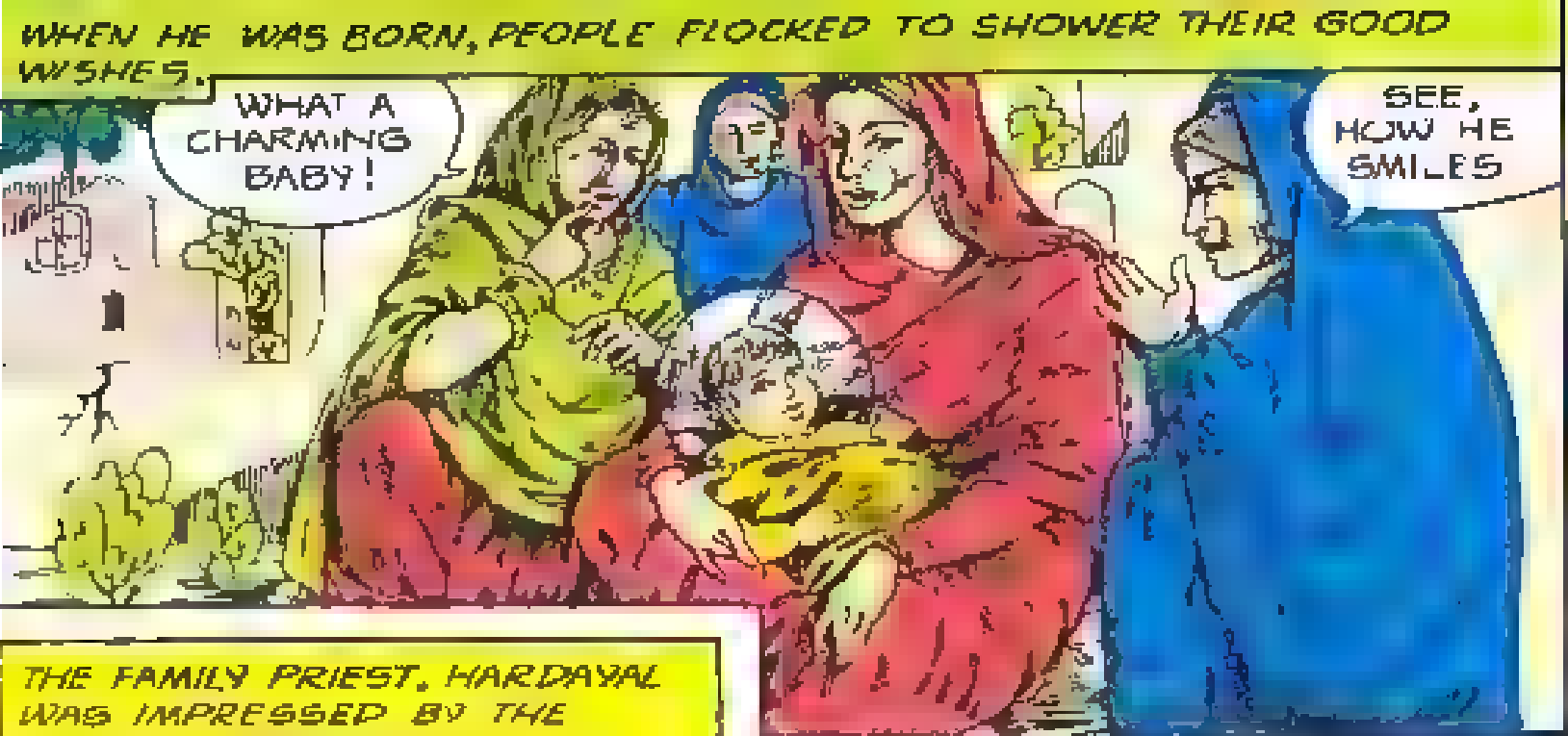
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GURU NANAK



GURU NANAK WAS BORN IN 1469
AT TALWANDI, IN THE NORTH PART OF INDIA
HE WAS THE FIRST TEACHER AND HIS
FATHER'S NAME WAS KALU



TRIPTA TOO WAS HAPPY TO SEE HOW GENEROUS NANAK WAS

WHY NOT! THERE IS ENOUGH FOR ALL OF YOU

THANK YOU, MOTHER



NANAK TOOK THE SWEETS AND RAN TO HIS FRIENDS

SEE WHAT I HAVE! SEE WHAT I HAVE!



AND HE BEGAN DISTRIBUTING THE SWEETS

MOTHER GAVE ME ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US.

MAAA!



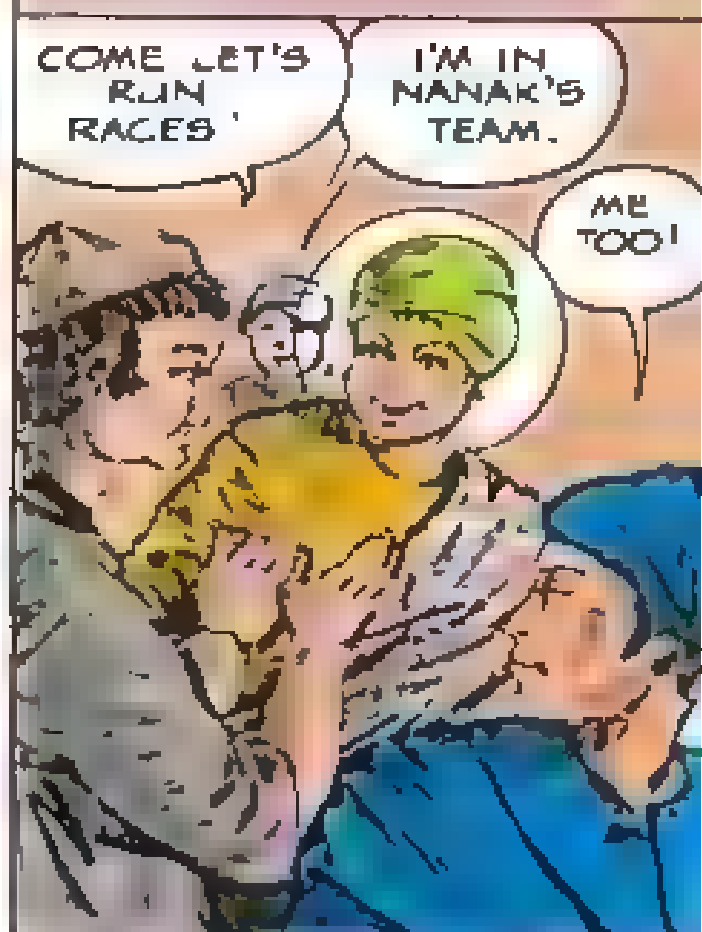
DELICIOUS.

AS SOON AS THEY HAD EATEN THE SWEETS...

COME LET'S RUN RACES

I'M IN NANAK'S TEAM.

ME TOO!



THEY PLAYED A GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK

I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
LET'S REST

LET'S GO
TO THE
POND



AT THE POND...

COME, LET'S SING
THE NAME OF GOD.
YOU LEAD.



ALL OF THEM SANG BUT
NANAK'S VOICE CARRIED
THE MOST FERVOUR

AT THAT MOMENT RAI BULAR,
THE MUSLIM LANDLORD FOR
WHOM NANAK'S FATHER
WORKED, WAS PASSING
THE WAY

WHAT A
MELODIOUS VOICE!
HOW SOOTHING THE
WORDS. NANAK IS NO
ORDINARY CHILD



RAI BULAR UNDERSTOOD, SAT ON
THE GRASS, FORGETTING THE
MATERIAL WORLD AS HE LOST
HIMSELF IN THE DIVINE SONG



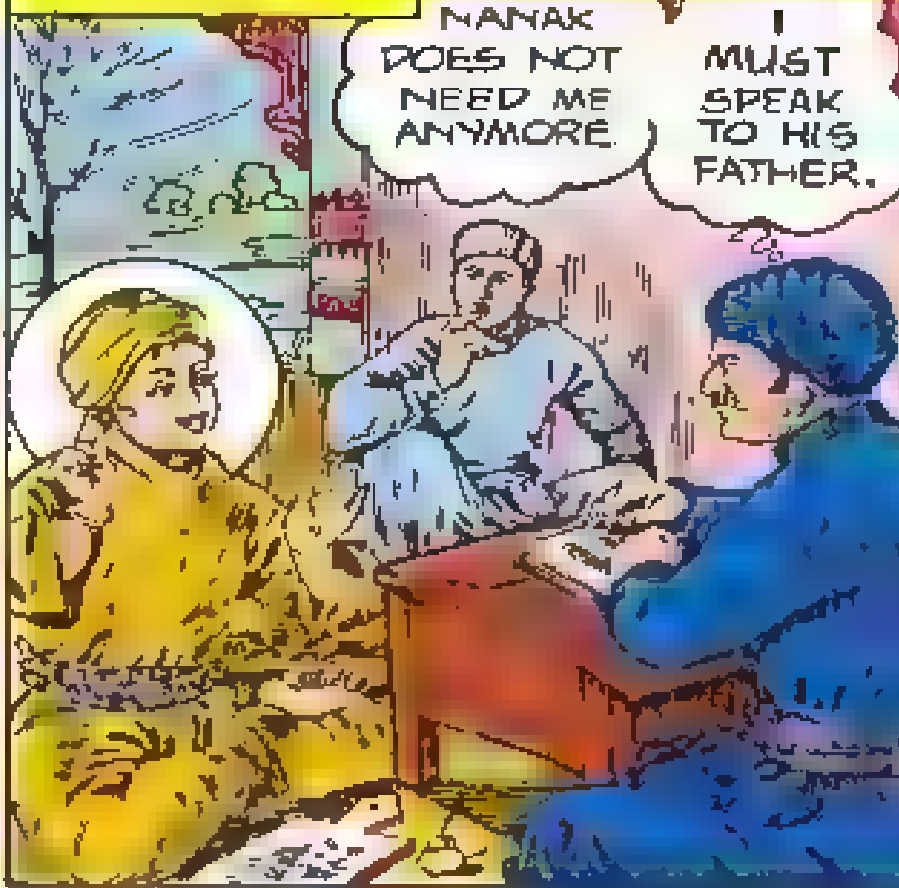
WHEN NANAK WAS SIX YEARS OLD



SON, IT IS TIME YOU STARTED SCHOOL

YES, FATHER.

HE WAS AN EXCELLENT PUPIL AND SOON MASTERED ALL THERE WAS TO LEARN.



NANAK DOES NOT NEED ME ANYMORE

I MUST SPEAK TO HIS FATHER.

SO HE WENT TO MEHTA KALLU



YOUR SON IS AN EXCEPTIONAL CHILD. HE HAS MASTERED ALL THAT I CAN TEACH HIM.

AFTER HE LEFT—



IT IS NOT GOOD TO LEAVE NANAK IDLE. I SHALL MAKE HIM LEARN PERSIAN.

BUT THE SAME THING HAPPENED WITH THE PERSIAN TEACHER NANAK MASTERED ALL WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD AND HIS TEACHER BROUGHT HIM BACK TO MEHTA KALLU

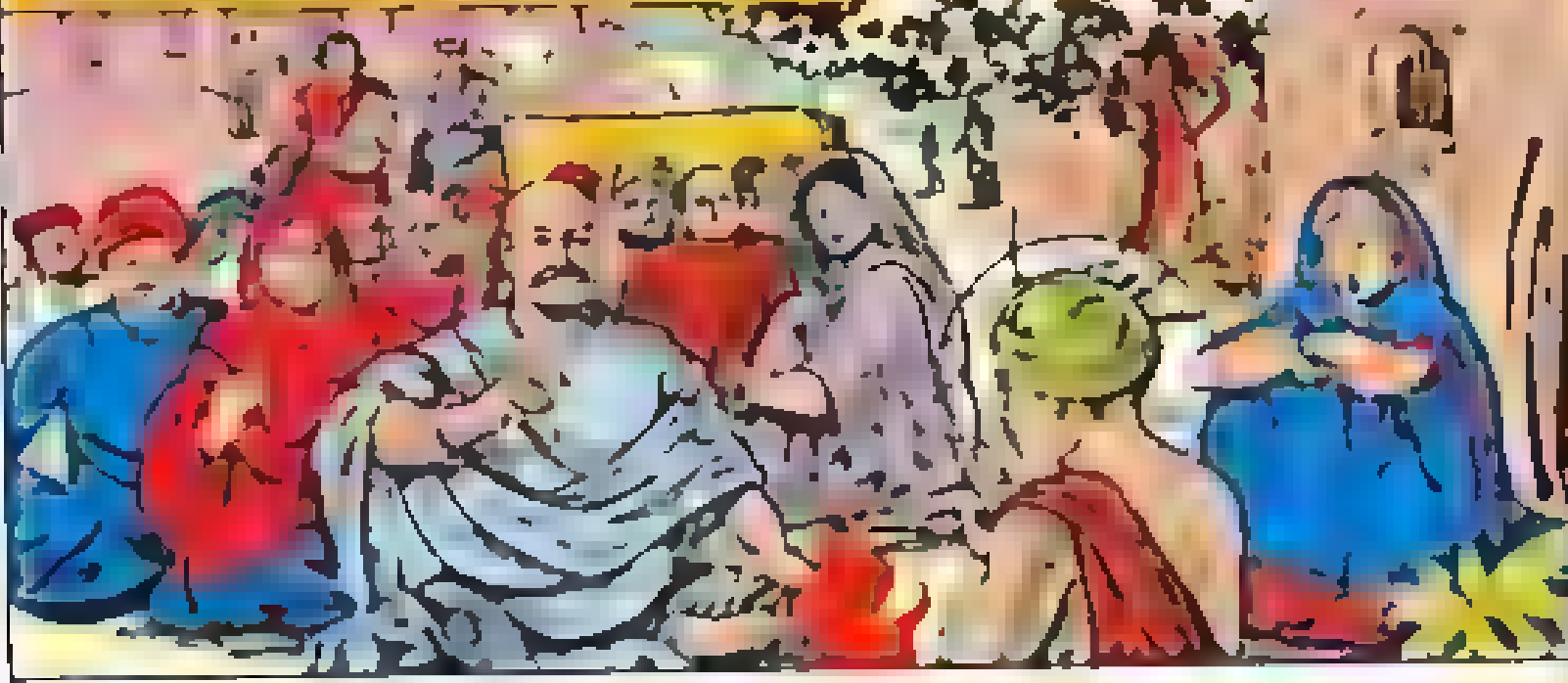
NANAK BY THEN WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS OLD

IT IS TIME NANAK HAS HIS SACRED THREAD CEREMONY

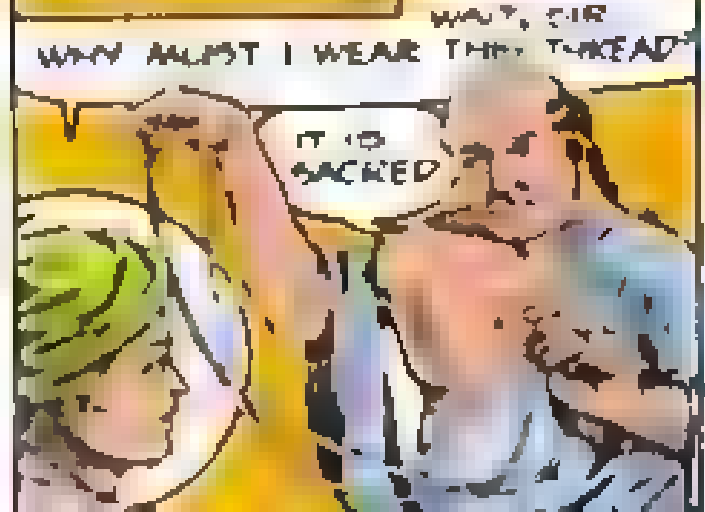
SHALL I ASK MEHTA KALLU TO SUGGEST AN AUSPICIOUS DATE

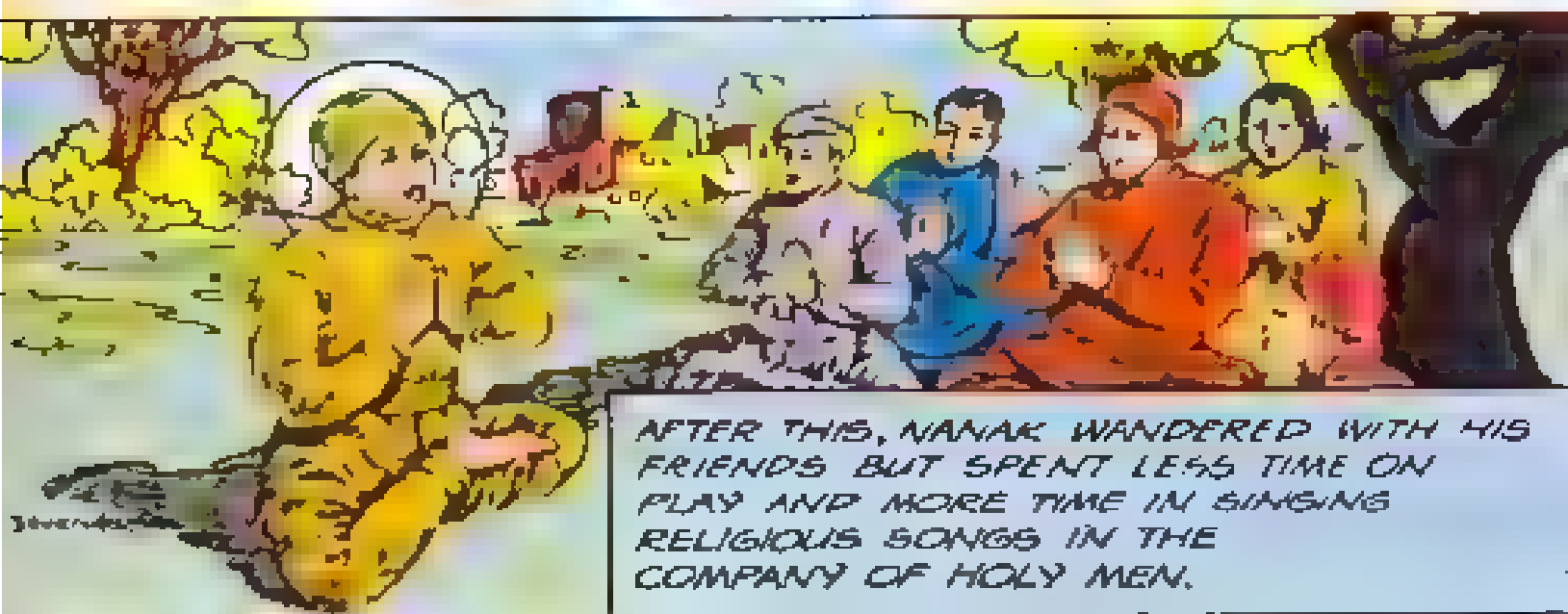


THE DATE WAS FIXED AND ALL NEIGHBOURS WERE INVITED TO THE CEREMONY



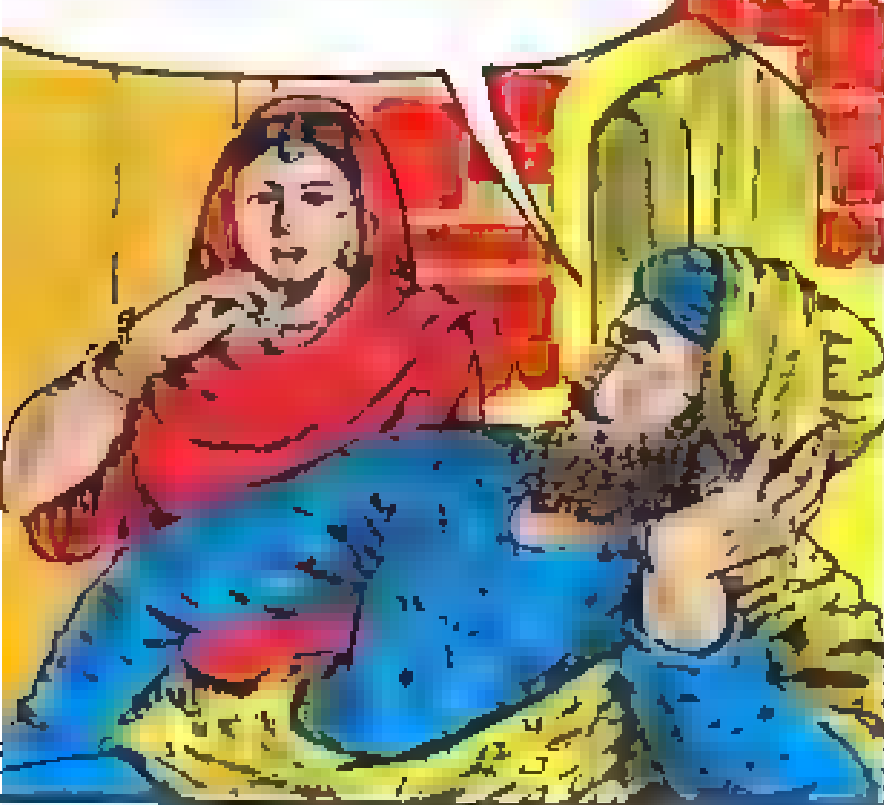
AT THAT TIME NANAK ASKED THE GUESTS TO PUT THEIR HANDS ON NANAK'S NECK





MEHTA KALU WAS WORRIED

HE HAS NOTHING LEFT TO
LEARN. HE HAS DEFIED
TRADITION AND YET
CONVINCED THE ELDERS



IF HE CONTINUES
THIS WAY, I'M
AFRAID HE'LL
BECOME
AN IDLER.



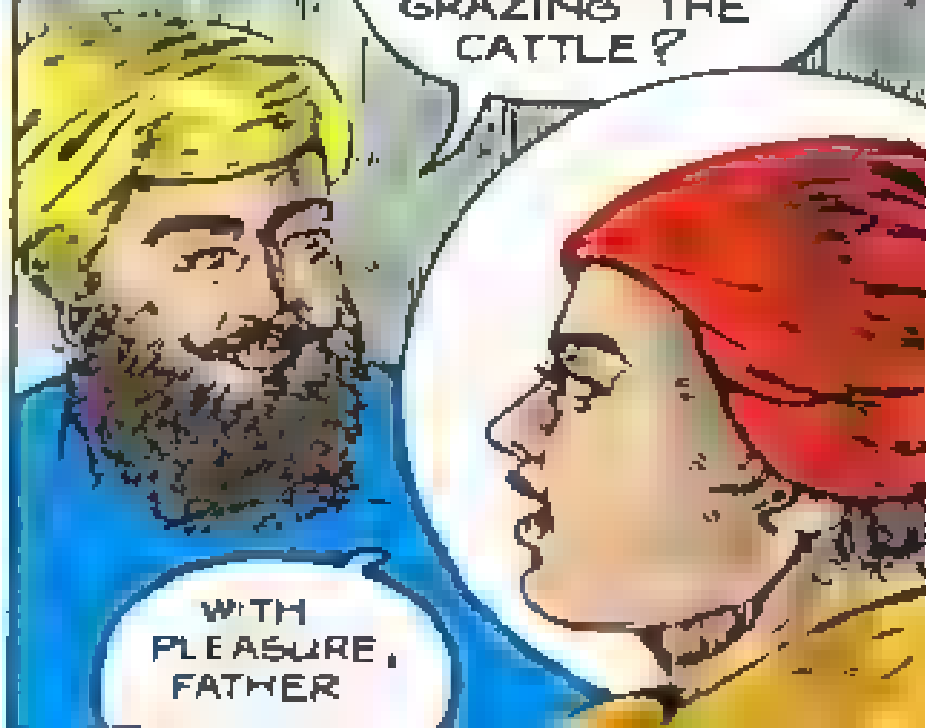
I KNOW WHAT,
I'LL MAKE HIM
TEND CATTLE

THAT'S IT HE
WILL BE DOING SOME
USEFUL WORK AT THE
SAME TIME HE CAN
BE IN THE FOREST
WHICH HE LOVES
SO DEARLY.



MEHTA KALU CALLED NANAK TO
HIM.

SON, YOU
MUST KEEP
YOURSELF BUSY
WILL YOU TAKE
CHARGE OF
GRAZING THE
CATTLE?



WITH
PLEASURE,
FATHER

SO EVERY MORNING NANAK TOOK THE CATTLE OUT
TO GRAZE



ONE DAY AS NANAK LAY IMMERSED IN HIS THOUGHTS OF GOD, THE
CATTLE WANDERED INTO A FIELD NEARBY



THE ANGRY FARMER COMPLAINED TO RAI HULAK



KALLU'S CATTLE
HAVE EATEN MY
CROPS I WANT
JUSTICE

RAI BULAR WAS UNHAPPY
HE WENT TO KALU AND
TOLD HIM WHAT HAD
HAPPENED.

YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE
GOOD THE LOSS. THAT
IS ONLY FAIR

EXCUSE ME, SIR. WOULDN'T
IT BE PROPER FIRST TO
SEE THE FIELD.

THEY WENT TO THE FIELD
AND LO!

THE CORN IS
UNTOUCHED. YOU HAVE
WASTED OUR TIME FOR
NOTHING.

B. BUT
I'M
SORRY.

AND NANAK CONTINUED
TAKING THE
CATTLE OUT AS
USUAL.

ONE SUCH DAY, OVERCOME BY THE
HEAT, NANAK FELL ASLEEP THE SUN'S
RAYS FELL HOT
UPON HIM

A CORRA
BLITHERED
OUT OF A
HOLE
NEARBY

... AND COMING UP TO NANAK,
SPREAD ITS HOOD OUT TO
SHADE HIS FACE.



AT THAT MOMENT RAI BULAR HAPPENED TO PASS BY



NANAK IS IN
DANGER. I MUST
SAVE HIM

HE WALKED CAUTIOUSLY
TOWARDS NANAK.



BUT AS SOON AS THE COBRA SAW
HIM IT SLID BACK INTO ITS HOLE.



NANAK
SHOULD NOT BE
TREATED AS AN
ORDINARY CHILD.
HE IS A
SAINT

AFTER THIS FOR A SPELL NANAK BECAME MOROSE AND MOODY AND WOULD NOT EVEN GO OUT TO TEND THE CATTLE

I WONDER WHAT'S COME OVER HIM. I CAN NO LONGER BEAR HIS MOODINESS

LET'S CALL IN THE VAID*



WITH THIS REALISATION NANAK BECAME HIS OLD SELF

WHAT A RELIEF TO SEE HIM OUT OF IT



YES IT IS GOOD TO SEE HIM CHEERFUL AGAIN.

BUT WHEN THE VAID CAME ..

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HELP ME. HE WHO HAS GIVEN ME THE ACHE ALONE CAN CURE ME

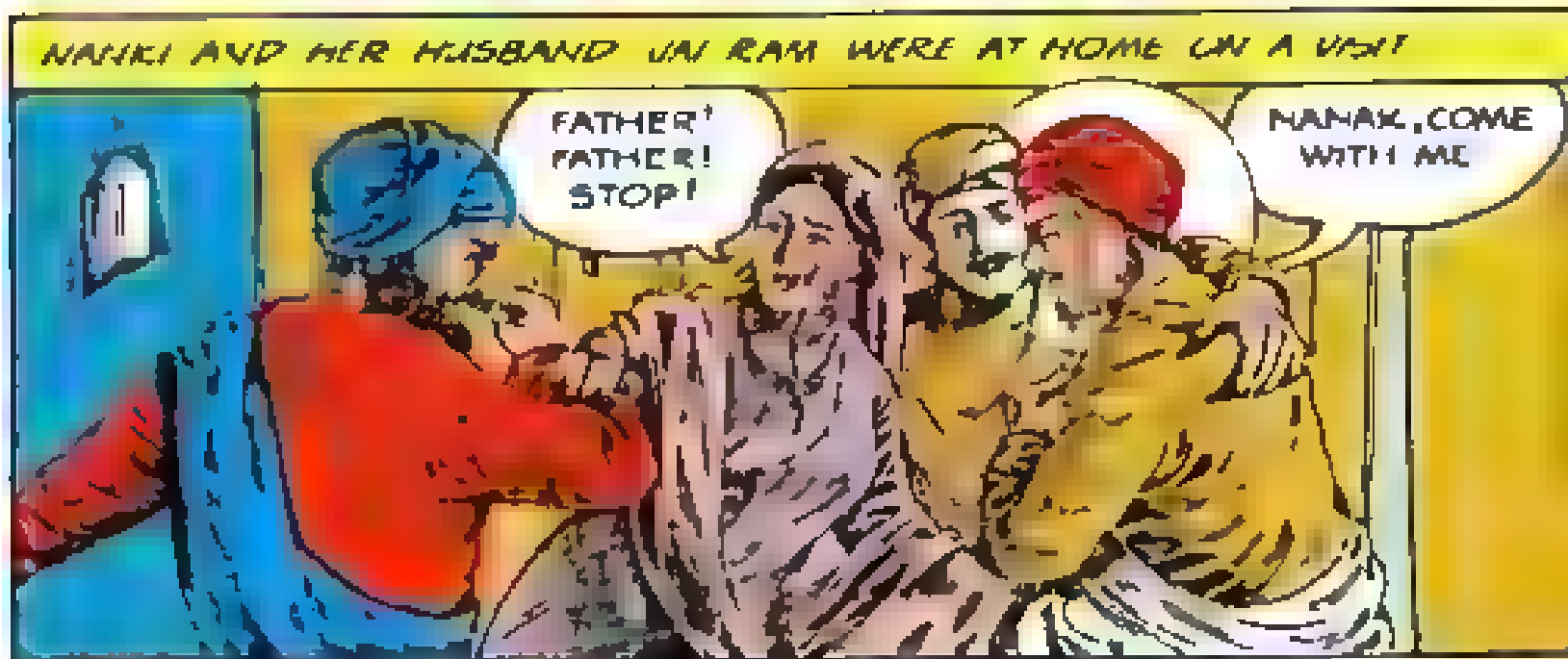


KALU MADE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO INTEREST NANAK IN AN OCCUPATION.

YOU ARE NOW GROWN-UP, AND SHOULD STAND ON YOUR OWN FEET.







NANKI TOO HAD A SUGGESTION.

I THINK WE SHOULD GET HIM
MARRIED. SULAKHNI,
MOOLCHAND'S
DAUGHTER,
WOULD BE
A GOOD
MATCH!



THE PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED AND
NANAK WAS MARRIED TO SULAKHNI
IN 1485 THERE WAS GREAT
REJOICING IN THE FAMILY.



MARDANA, NANAK'S FRIEND, CAME TO THE WEDDING.



THE GIFT WAS NOT FOR MARDANA ALONE FOR IN THE EVENINGS,
AFTER THE DAY'S WORK, NANAK WOULD HURRY TO JOIN MARDANA,
AND TOGETHER THEY WOULD SING THE PRAISES OF GOD
MANY LOVERS OF GOD AND MUSIC JOINED THEM AND
NANAK'S FAME SPREAD

MEANWHILE, JAI RAM, WHO WAS IN THE COURT OF DAULAT KHAN LODI, SOON FOUND NANAK A JOB.

THIS IS NANAK ABOUT WHOM I SPOKE TO YOU

WE SHALL APPOINT HIM AS A STOREKEEPER IN THE STATE GRANARY

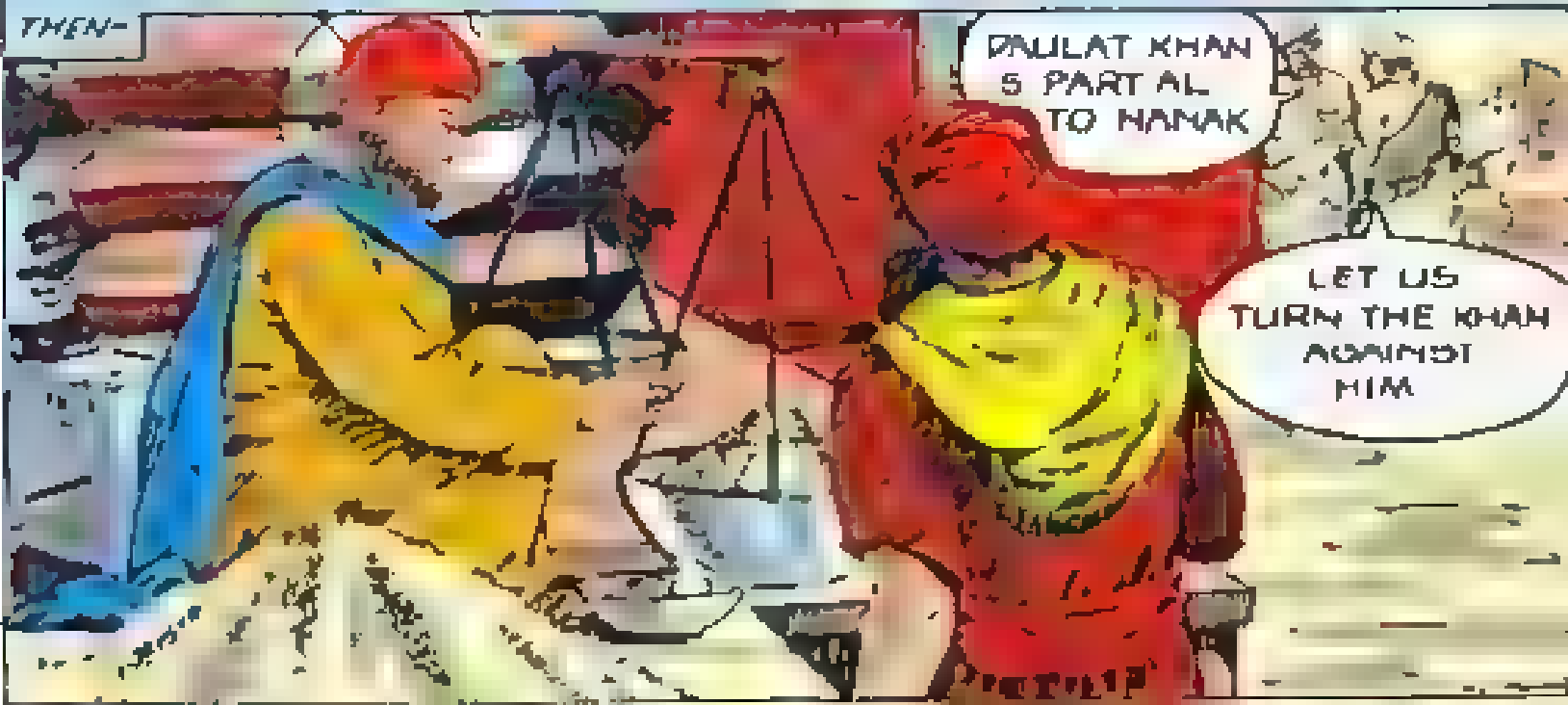
NANAK HAD TWO SONS

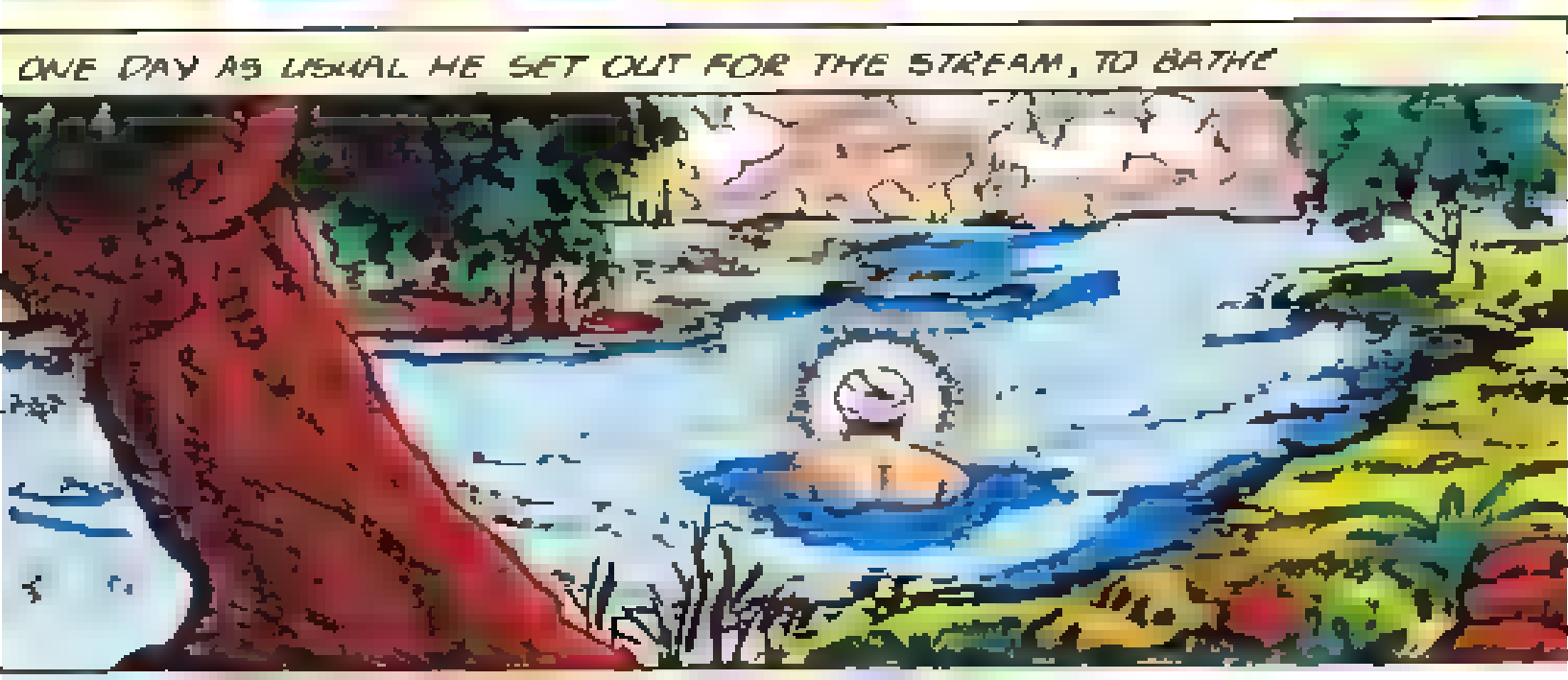
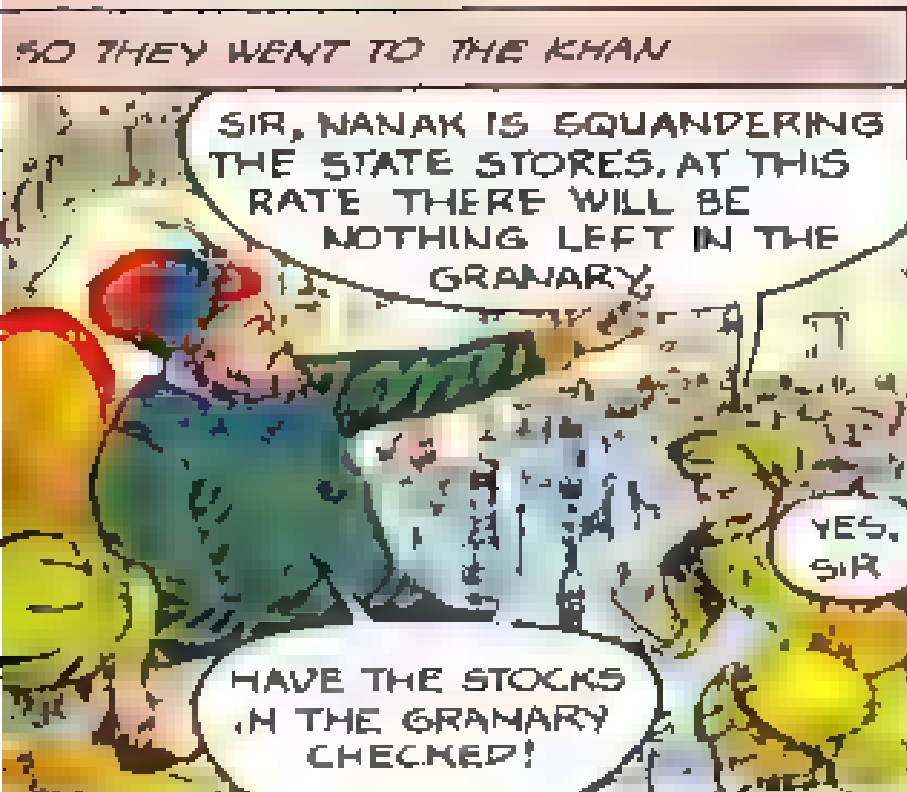


HE CONTINUED SERVING IN THE STATE GRANARY FOR TWENTY YEARS THEN-

DAULAT KHAN IS PARTIAL TO NANAK

LET US TURN THE KHAN AGAINST HIM







NANKI CAME TO HIS HOME IN THE EVENING

HERE ARE SOME SWEETS FOR .. WHY ? WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

HE HE HAS NOT COME HOME YET.



DON'T CRY, WE WILL SEND OUT A SEARCH PARTY



BUT AFTER A VAIN SEARCH...

HE MUST HAVE ...

SORRY, THERE IS NO SIGN OF HIM.

DROWNED IN THE RIVER



THE WHOLE FAMILY WAS STEEPED IN GLOOM.



THEN SUDDENLY ON THE THIRD DAY

OH! NANAK! NANAK!

WHERE DID YOU VANISH ?

WE HAD GIVEN YOU UP FOR DEAD!

GURU NANAK TOLD HIS TALE



I HAVE RECEIVED A DIVINE
COMMAND TO GO
OUT INTO THE
WORLD AND TEACH
MEN THE PATH
OF LOVE AND
TOLERANCE.

AND GURU NANAK BEGAN HIS
TEACHINGS.



THERE IS NO
HINDU OR
MUSSULMAN!

HOW DARE
HE SAY SUCH
THINGS? I SHALL
COMPLAIN TO
THE KHAN

WHEN THE KHAN HEARD THE
COMPLAINT HE SENT FOR
GURU NANAK.



ARE YOU A
MUSSULMAN OR
A HINDU?

NEITHER!
I AM A MAN
OF GOD

THEN COME AND PRAY
WITH US AT THE
MOSQUE.

GLADLY!

AT THE MOSQUE THE KAZI LED
THE PRAYER...

HA HA!
HA!

THE KAZI, AND ALL THE OTHERS
WERE ANGRY

DID YOU COME
HERE ONLY TO
INSULT US?

NO NEVER
BUT HOW COULD
I JOIN YOU IN PRAYER
WHEN YOU WERE
THINKING ABOUT YOUR
NEW-BORN COLT AND
NOT ABOUT GOD?

BOTH THE KAZI AND THE
KHAN WERE CONVINCED.

HE IS GIFTED
WITH TRUE
KNOWLEDGE.

SOON AFTER THIS...

MARDANA, I CAN NO LONGER DELAY MY WORK I MUST LEAVE HOME TO SHOW MEN THE PATH OF LOVE AND SERVICE

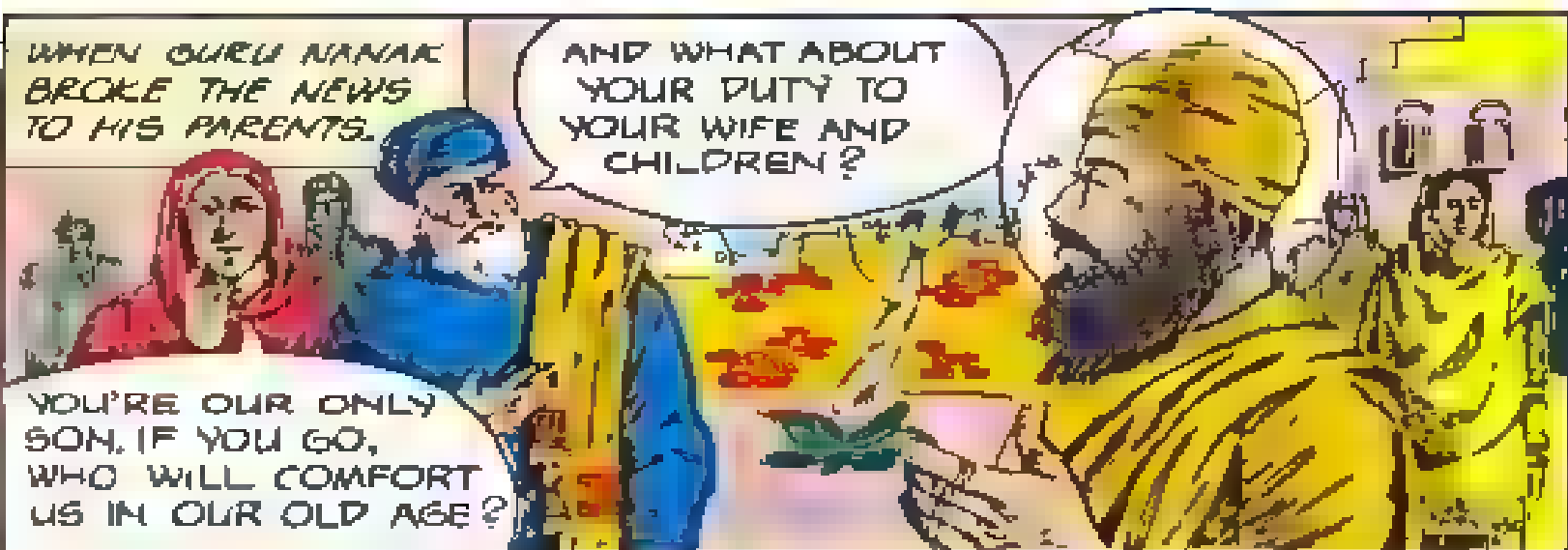
MASTER, I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU



WHEN GURU NANAK BROKE THE NEWS TO HIS PARENTS.

AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR DUTY TO YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN?

YOU'RE OUR ONLY SON, IF YOU GO, WHO WILL COMFORT US IN OUR OLD AGE?



NANAK WAS SILENT FOR A MOMENT THEN...

HE WHO HAS ASSIGNED ME THIS TASK WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL OF YOU.



HIS PARENTS WERE ALMOST
CONVINCED, BUT NOT NANKI
AND SULAKHNI

IF YOU GO AWAY WHO
WILL CONSOLE SULAKHNI, THE
BOYS AND ME, IN TIMES OF
TROUBLE?

I SHALL ALWAYS BE
WITH YOU IN
SPIRIT. IF EVER YOU
NEED ME I WILL
COME TO YOU.

THEN TAKING LEAVE OF HIS
FAMILY...

HE WALKED WITH MARDANA
FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE
TILL THEY REACHED SAIDPUR

A HUT. LET'S
GO THERE,
MASTER.

THE HUT BELONGED TO A POOR
CARPENTER CALLED LALO.

MAY WE REST
HERE FOR
A WHILE?

MASTER, ENTER
AND GRACE MY
HUMBLE HUT

IN A SHORT TIME THE GURU'S STAY AT LALO'S HUT BECAME THE TALK OF THE TOWN

THEY SAY THAT THE MASTER PREFERRED LALO'S HUMBLE HUT TO THE MANSIONS OF THE RICH MEN OF THE TOWN.

AND LALO BELONGS TO A LOWER CASTE THAN THE MASTER.

PEOPLE GATHERED AROUND GURU NANAK AND MARDANA TO HEAR THEM SPEAK AND SING

REMEMBER GOD AND BE HONEST AND TRUTHFUL

MALIK BHAGO, THE RICH ADMINISTRATOR OF SAIDPUR INVITED THE GURU TO HIS MANSION

THE MASTER REFUSES TO COME.

THEN USE FORCE. BUT BRING HIM!

WHEN GURU NANAK WAS BROUGHT...

HOLY SIR, WHY DID YOU REFUSE MY HOSPITALITY?

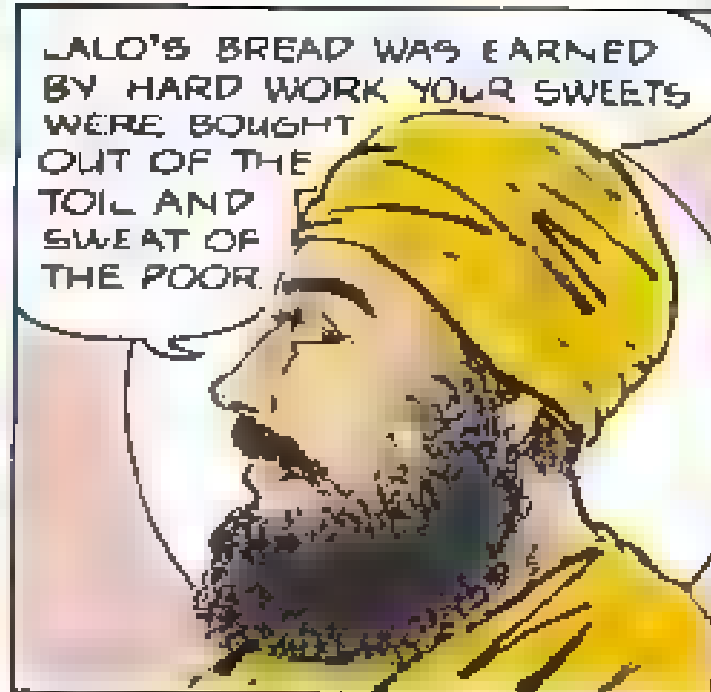
GET ME SOME SWEETS FROM YOUR TABLE, I'LL EXPLAIN.

GURU NANAK TOOK OUT A DRY CRUST OF BREAD, WHICH HE HAD BROUGHT FROM LALO'S HOUSE AND THE SWEETS FROM



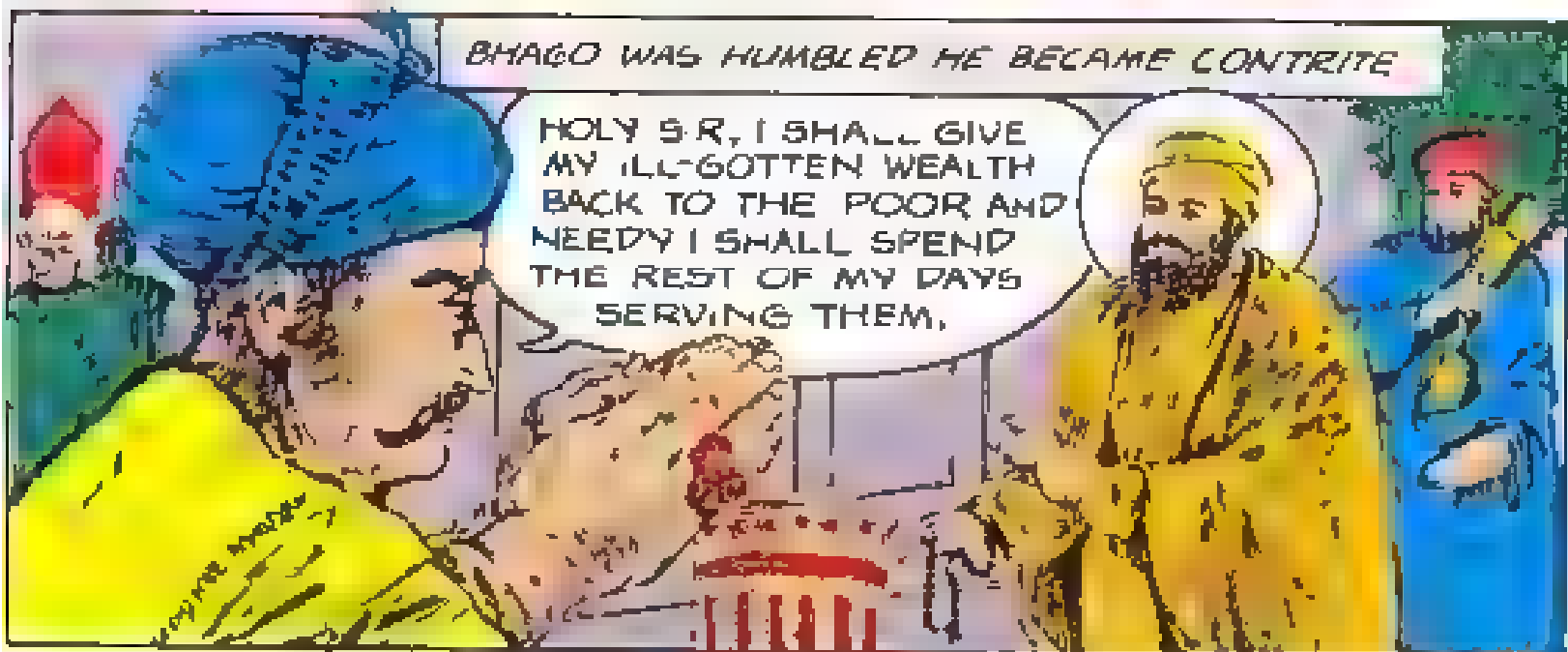
BHAGO'S TABLE AND SQUEEZED BOTH DROPS OF MILK FELL FROM THE BREAD AND DROPS OF BLOOD FROM THE SWEETS.

LALO'S BREAD WAS EARNED BY HARD WORK YOUR SWEETS WERE BOUGHT OUT OF THE TOIL AND SWEAT OF THE POOR.



BHAGO WAS HUMBLER HE BECAME CONTRITE

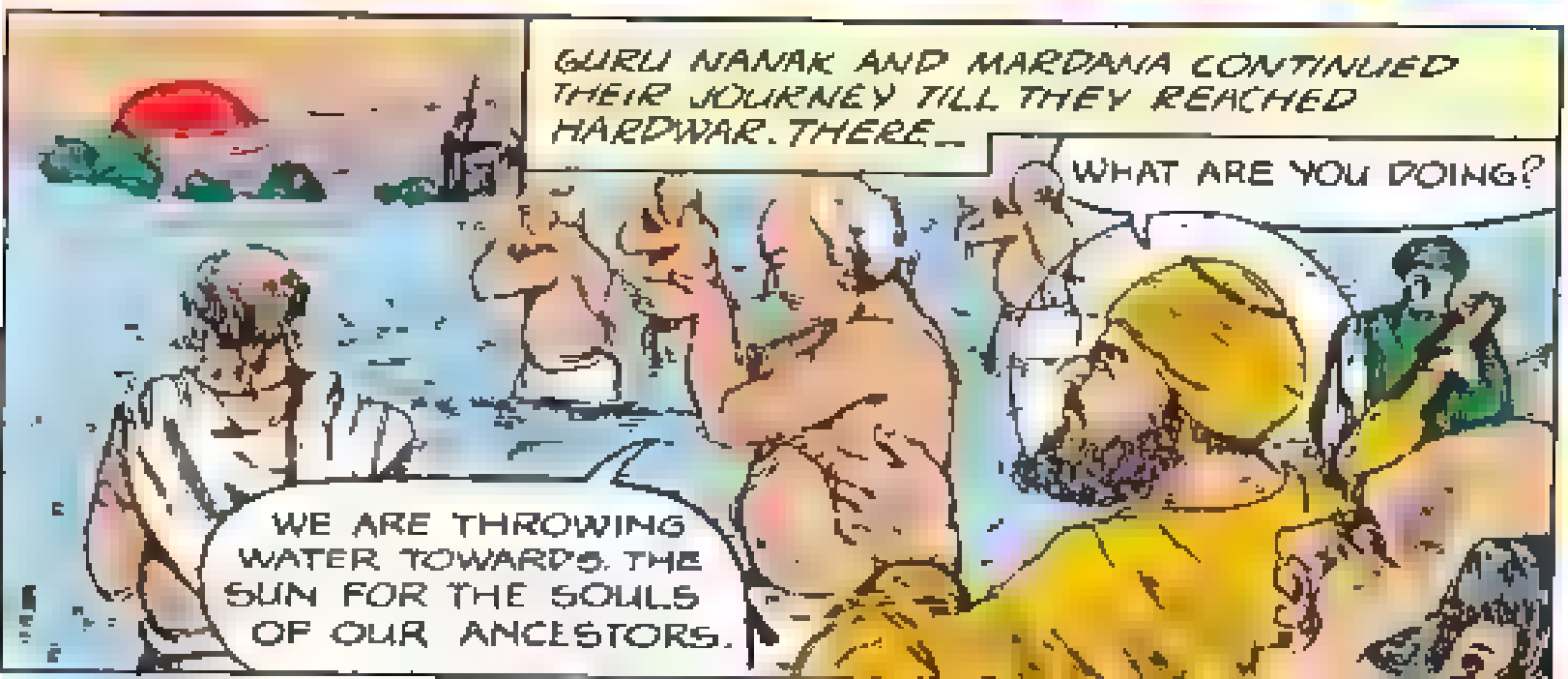
HOLY S R, I SHALL GIVE MY ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH BACK TO THE POOR AND NEEDY I SHALL SPEND THE REST OF MY DAYS SERVING THEM.



GURU NANAK AND MARDANA CONTINUED THEIR JOURNEY TILL THEY REACHED HARDWAR. THERE...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WE ARE THROWING WATER TOWARDS THE SUN FOR THE SOULS OF OUR ANCESTORS.



GURU NANAK DID NOT SAY A WORD BUT BENT DOWN AND BEGAN POURING WATER IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION



I AM WATERING MY FIELDS IN THE PUNJAB!

HOW FOOLISH! IF THE WATER YOU SPRINKLE CAN REACH THE SUN WHICH IS MILLIONS OF MILES AWAY, SURELY THIS WATER CAN REACH MY FIELDS WHICH ARE BUT A FEW HUNDRED MILES AWAY! YOUR FIELDS?

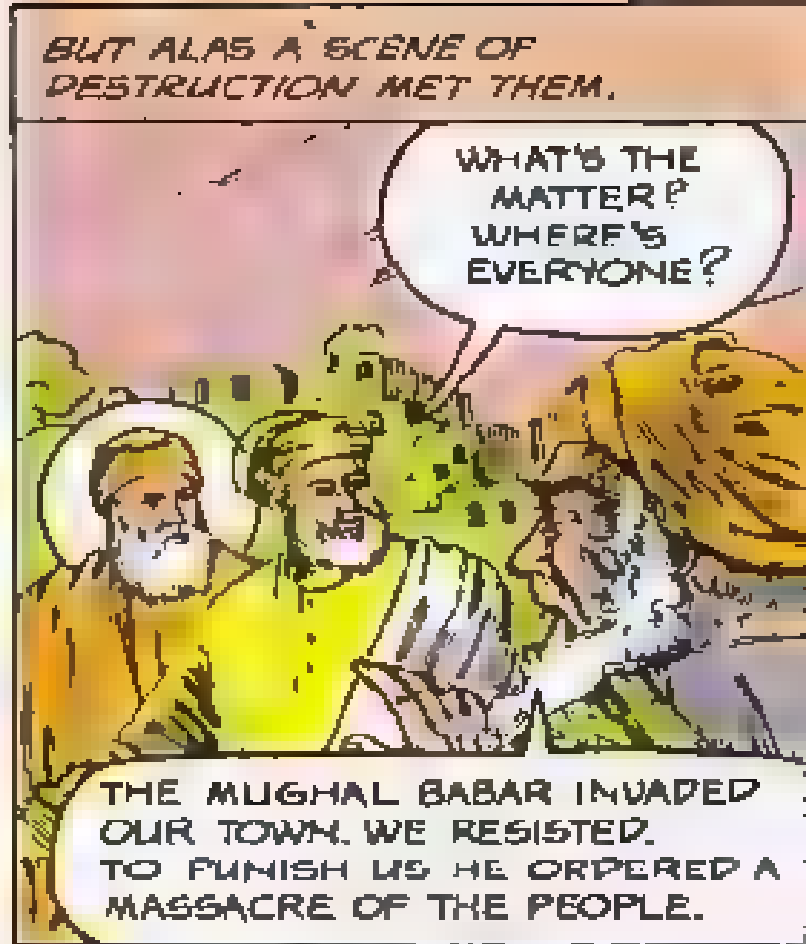
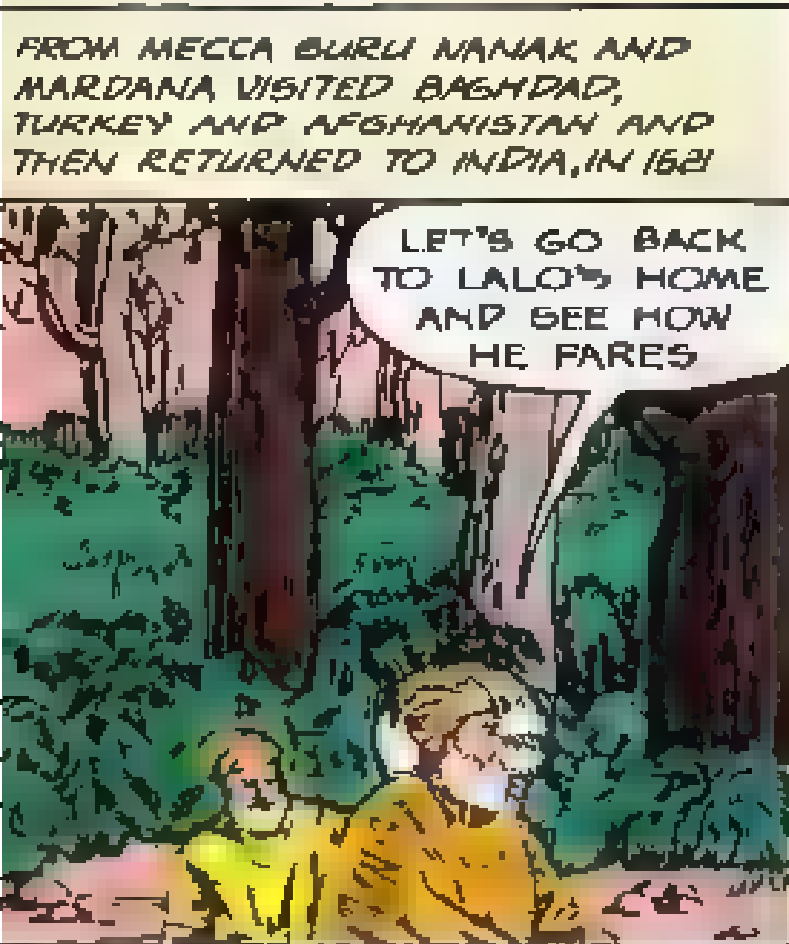


REALISING THE TRUTH OF HIS STATEMENT, THE PILGRIMS RETURNED HOME, WISER MEN.

THROUGH HIS WISE TRAVELS HE ENLIGHTENED AND REFORMED MANY SOULS. AMONG THEM WERE SAJJAN, THE THUG, KAUDA, THE CANNIBAL, AND NURSHAH.







WHEN GURU NANAK SAW THE FLIGHT OF THE PRISONERS, HE WAS OVERCOME BY COMPASSION, AND BROKE OUT INTO A SAD SONG

LORD! DO YOU HAVE NO PITY FOR THESE UNFORTUNATE ONES?



BABAR HEARD THE SONG AND WAS DEEPLY MOVED

THE HAUNTING VOICE CUTS THROUGH MY HEART. WHO IS THE SINGER? BRING HIM TO ME!

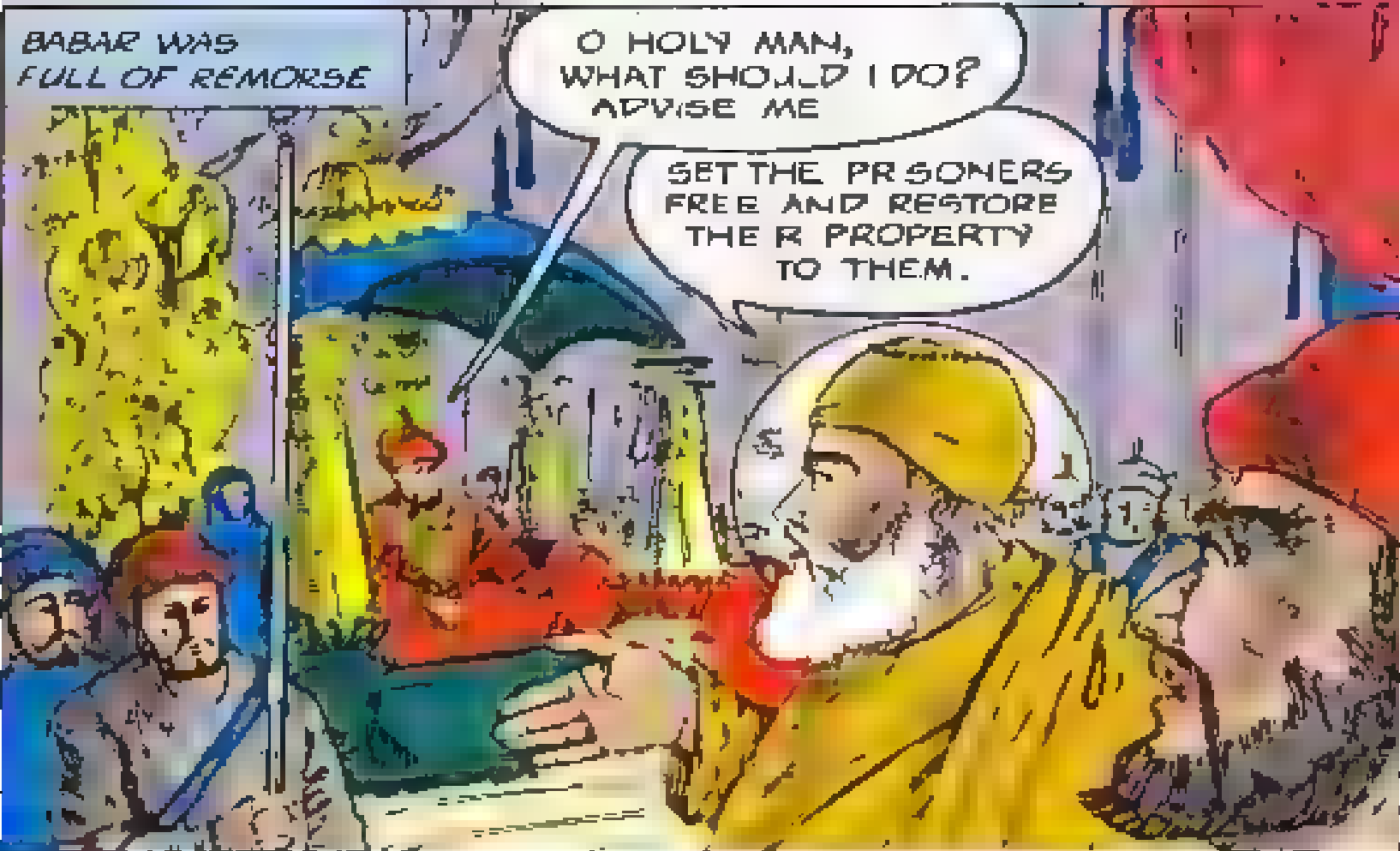


GURU NANAK WAS BROUGHT BEFORE BABAR

WHAT MADE YOU SING THAT SONG?

I WAS CALLING ON GOD TO WITNESS THE INJUSTICES METED OUT TO HIS CHILDREN.





BABAR WAS
FULL OF REMORSE

O HOLY MAN,
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
ADVISE ME

SET THE PRISONERS
FREE AND RESTORE
THEIR PROPERTY
TO THEM.

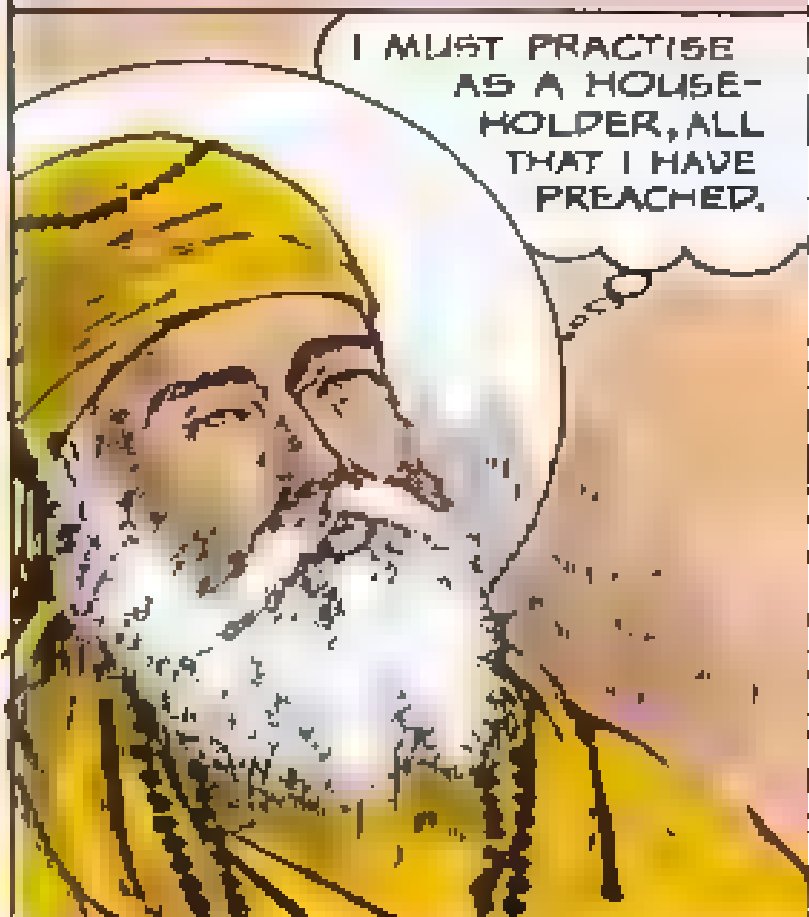


BABAR IMMEDIATELY OBEYED
THE COMMAND.

HOLY MAN, I'VE
DONE AS YOU BADE
ME. PRAY BLESS ME
THAT I BECOME THE
EMPEROR OF INDIA.

YOUR WISH WILL BE
FULFILLED, BUT REMEMBER
TO BE A JUST RULER
WHOSE GOAL INTEREST
IS THE HAPPINESS OF
HIS PEOPLE.

AFTER THIS GURU NANAK
MADE A DECISION, HE WAS
NOW 52 YEARS OLD



I MUST PRACTISE
AS A HOUSE-
HOLDER, ALL
THAT I HAVE
PREACHED.

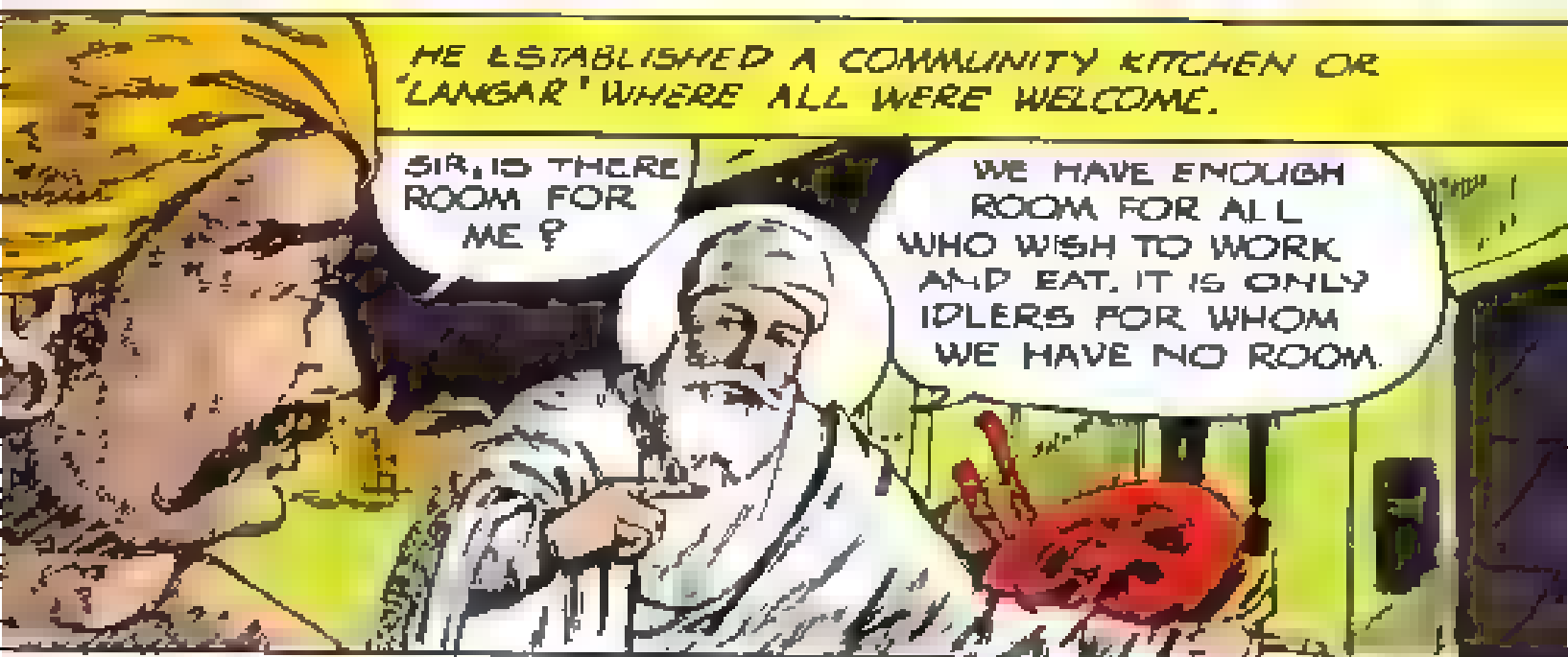
SO HE CAST OFF HIS ORANGE ROBES AND SETTLED DOWN TO A
FARMER'S LIFE AT
KARTARPUR.



HE ESTABLISHED A COMMUNITY KITCHEN OR
'LANGAR' WHERE ALL WERE WELCOME.

SIR, IS THERE
ROOM FOR
ME ?

WE HAVE ENOUGH
ROOM FOR ALL
WHO WISH TO WORK
AND EAT. IT IS ONLY
IDLERS FOR WHOM
WE HAVE NO ROOM.



IN THE EVENINGS ALL WOULD
GATHER AROUND GURU NANAK
AND HIS ASSOCIATES.

COME, MY SONS
LET'S BEGIN
SINGING THE
PRAISES OF GOD



ONE DAY, GURU NANAK WANTED TO
TEST HIS DISCIPLES TO APPOINT A
SUCCESSOR.

MY BOWL HAS
FALLEN INTO
THE SEWER.

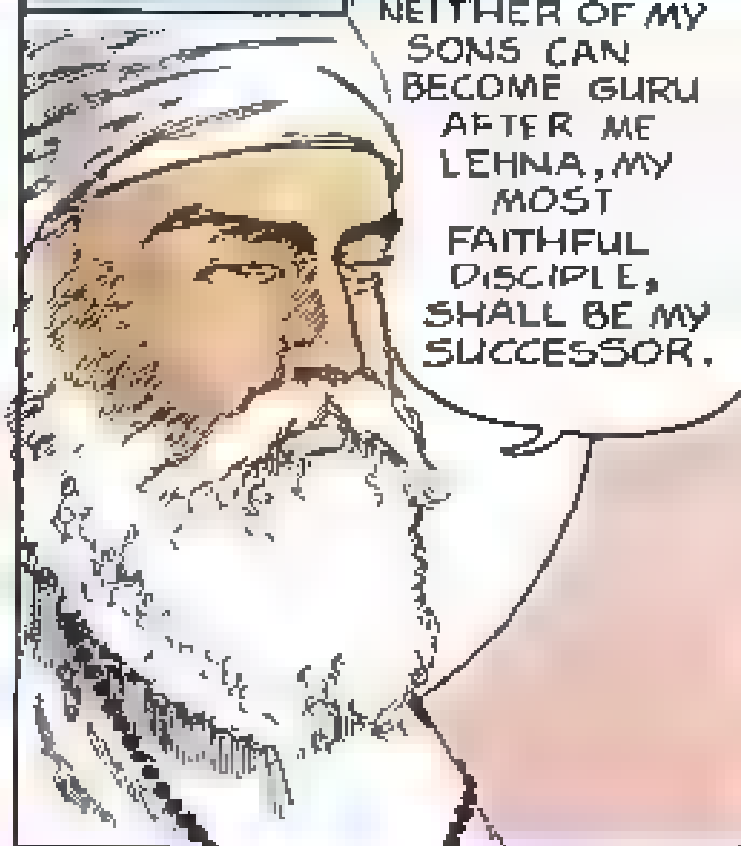


WITHOUT HESITATING, LEHNA, ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES, BROUGHT OUT THE BOWL.



GURU, HERE IS YOUR BOWL.

GURU NANAK MADE HIS DECISION.



NEITHER OF MY SONS CAN BECOME GURU AFTER ME. LEHNA, MY MOST FAITHFUL DISCIPLE, SHALL BE MY SUCCESSOR.

ONE EVENING...



I APPOINT LEHNA AS MY SUCCESSOR. HE WILL BE CALLED GURU ANGAD.

THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE.



THEN ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1539 GURU NANAK FELL DEEP INTO MEDITATION.



I HAVE COMPLETED MY LIFE'S WORK. I MAY NOW GIVE UP MY BODY

AND GURU NANAK WAS NO MORE. THE MUSLIMS AND HINDUS QUARRELLED OVER THE DISPOSAL OF HIS BODY.



HE SHALL BE BURIED.

NO. WE SHALL CREMATE HIM



THEY TUGGED AT THE SHEET AND LO!

THAT WAS GURU NANAK'S LAST MESSAGE TO THOSE OF HIS FOLLOWERS WHO HAD NOT YET ASSIMILATED HIS BASIC TEACHINGS



Guru Gobind Singh





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Guru Gobind Singh

The Mughal Empire founded in the early 16th century began to disintegrate towards the later years of the 17th century. Two people who hastened its end were Shivaji along with his Marathas in the Deccan and Guru Gobind Singh and the Sikhs in northern India.

Guru Gobind Singh's short career was not marked by any spectacular achievement on the battlefield. His chief contribution was to convert a passive and fatalist community of Punjabi Sikhs into a militant, aggressive and determined brotherhood of the Khalsa. He gave Sikhism its five sacred symbols, including the unshorn hair and beard, which made the Sikh members of one casteless family – the Singhs. He was the chief proponent of the Dharmayuddha philosophy – war for the sake of righteousness – to which he committed his four sons and his following.

Guru Gobind Singh was the last of the ten Gurus and one of the greatest poets of the Punjabi language.

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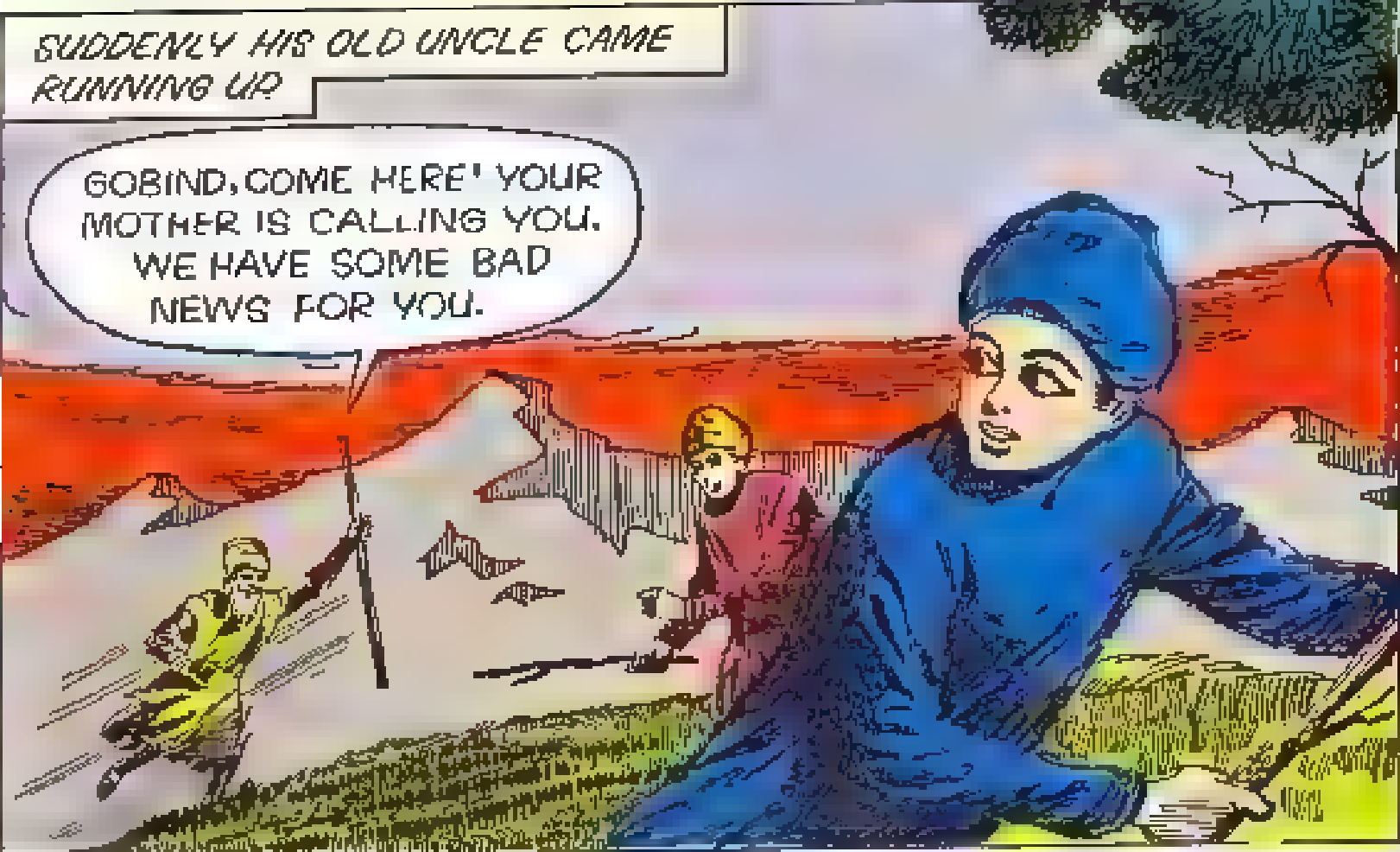
GURU GOBIND SINGH



IN 1675 IN A SMALL TOWN,
ANNANPUR, ON THE FOOT-
HILLS OF THE HIMALAYAS,
A NINE-YEAR OLD BOY,
GOBIND RAI, WAS PLAY-
ING WITH HIS FRIENDS

SUDDENLY HIS OLD UNCLE CAME
RUNNING UP

GOBIND, COME HERE! YOUR
MOTHER IS CALLING YOU.
WE HAVE SOME BAD
NEWS FOR YOU.



YOUR FATHER
IS DEAD.

HE DIED A
HERO'S DEATH
FOR HIS
PEOPLE.



HE WAS CAPTURED
BY THE MUGHAL
TROOPS AND BROUGHT
BEFORE EMPEROR
AURANGZEB.



TEGH BAHADUR, YOU ARE NOW AT MY MERCY! IF YOU ARE A SAINT AS PEOPLE SAY, THEN PERFORM SOME MIRACLE OR ELSE RENOUNCE YOUR FAITH.



I WILL TIE A CHARM AROUND MY NECK AND YOUR SWORD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HARM ME!

THE VICEROY ORDERED THAT TEGH BAHADUR'S HEAD SHOULD BE CUT OFF.



TEGH BAHADUR DIED BUT WHEN THEY OPENED THE CHARM...



I GAVE MY HEAD BUT NOT MY FAITH!

YOU ARE NOW THE LEADER
OF THE SIKHS! YOU ARE
THEIR TENTH GURU.



SO THE DAYS PASSED AND GURU
GOBIND LEARNED SANSKRIT,
PERSIAN, BRAH
AND PUNJABI.



COME ON!
IT'S TIME
TO GO
HUNT-
ING!



EARLY IN 1677 GURU GOBIND WAS
MARRIED TO JITTO.



GURU GOBIND'S FAME SPREAD. SOON SIKHS BEGAN COMING TO HIM WITH OFFERINGS.

LET THOSE WHO
COME TO ME BRING
GIFTS OF ARMS AND
HORSES.

I SHALL DRIVE THE TURKS
AND MUGHALS OUT OF OUR
MOTHERLAND. OUR WAR-
CRY WILL BE "SAT SRI AKAL".
GOD IS TRUTH. WHO WILL
JOIN ME IN
THE DHARMA-
YUDDHA?

THE MUGHALS
ARE THE
MIGHTIEST
POWER IN
ASIA. HOW CAN
WE FIGHT
AGAINST
THEM?

I WILL TEACH
THE SPARROW
TO HUNT
THE HAWK.



"SAT SRI AKAL"



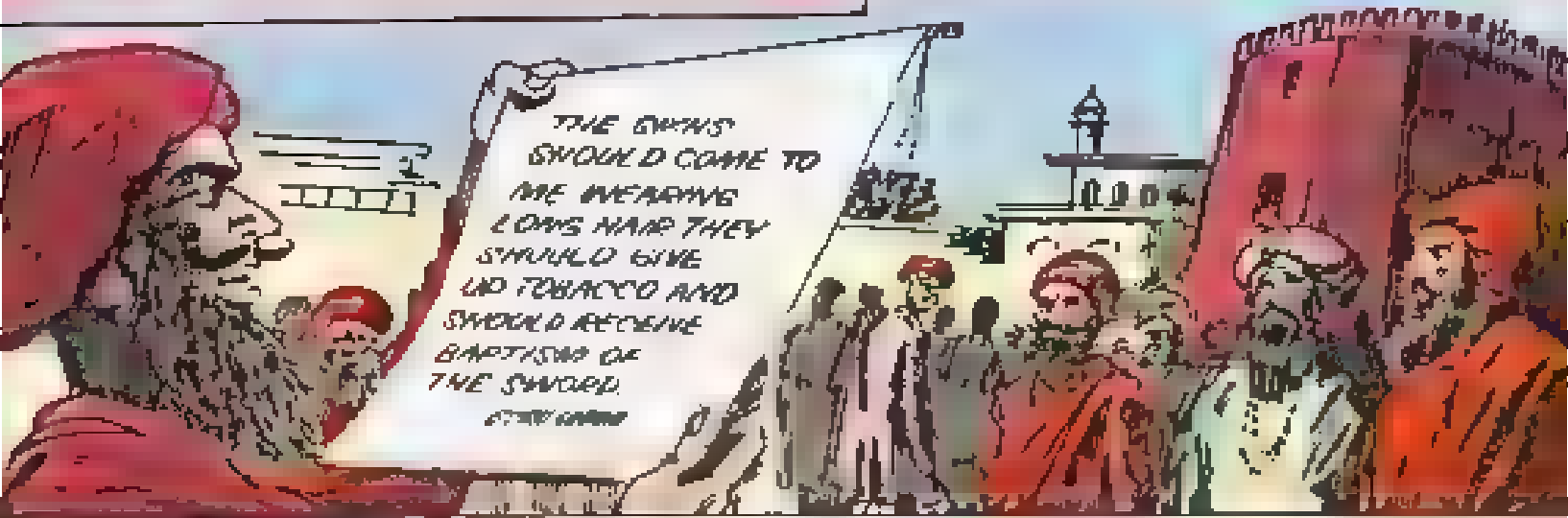
VICTORY
TO OUR
GURU.

NOT SO SOON!
THE MUGHALS
MAY ATTACK
AGAIN!



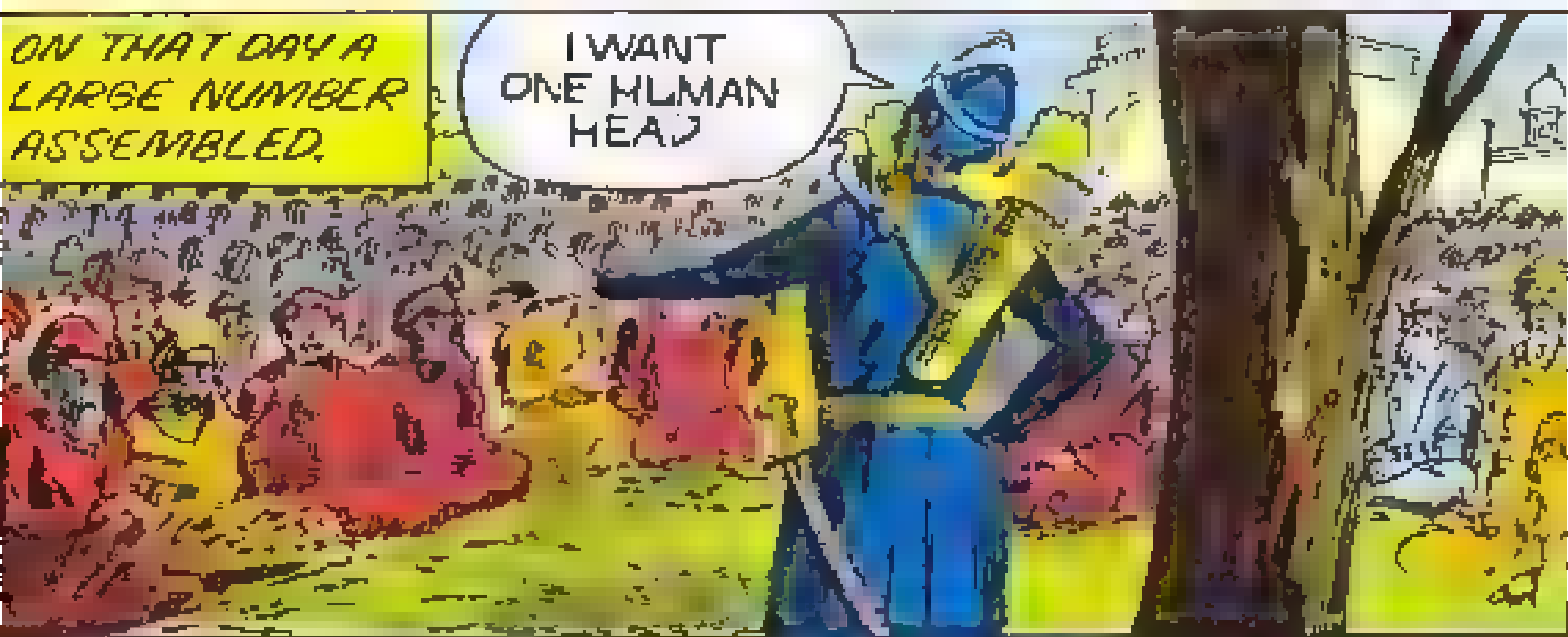
WE HAVE HAD OUR FIRST
BAPTISM IN STEEL. WE
MUST BE EVER READY
FOR WAR. I WILL RAISE
AN ARMY OF SOLDIER
SAINTS.

EARLY IN 1699 GURU GOBIND ASKED HIS SIKHS TO ASSEMBLE ON THE FIRST DAY OF BAISAKHI.



ON THAT DAY A LARGE NUMBER ASSEMBLED.

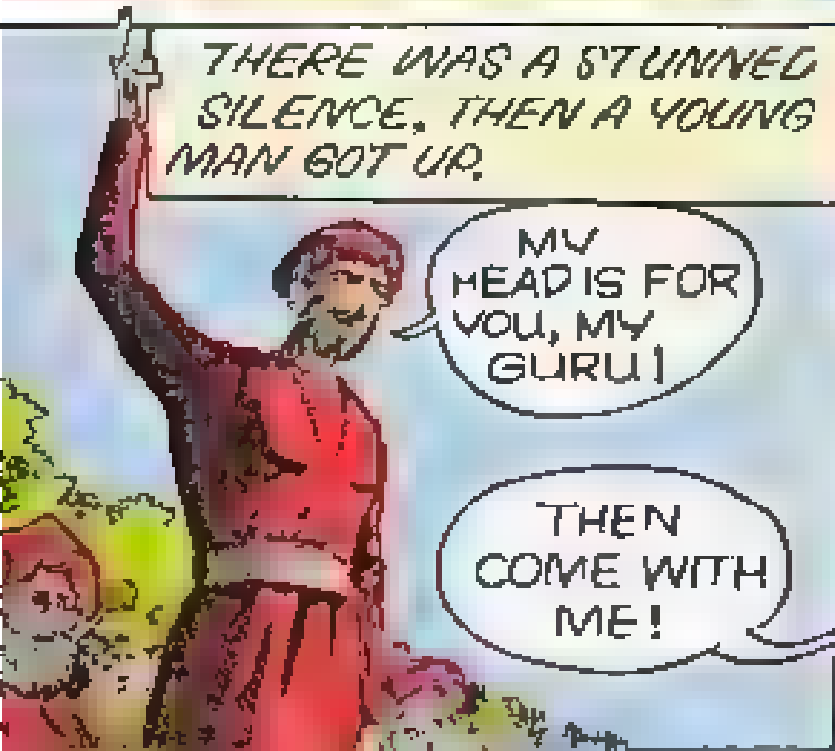
I WANT ONE HUMAN HEAD



THERE WAS A STUNNED SILENCE. THEN A YOUNG MAN GOT UP.

MY HEAD IS FOR YOU, MY GURU!

THEN COME WITH ME!



WHEN GURU GOBIND REAPPEARED,
HIS SWORD WAS
STAINED RED
WITH BLOOD.

I WANT
ONE MORE
HUMAN
HEAD

MY HEAD IS
FOR YOU,
MY GURU

GURU GOBIND TOOK THE
SECOND YOUNG MAN INTO
THE TENT.

WHEN HE RE-
APPEARED HE
WAS ALONE
AND HIS SWORD
WAS FRESHLY
STAINED WITH
BLOOD.

THE SAME HAPPENED WITH THREE OTHER YOUNG MEN WHO
VOLUNTEERED THEIR LIVES FOR GURU GOBIND.

AFTER THE FIFTH MAN HAD
DISAPPEARED INTO THE TENT
AND GURU GOBIND HAD RE-
APPEARED WITH HIS SWORD
BLOOD-STAINED, HE AGAIN
ENTERED THE TENT AND
THEN RE EMERGED.

THESE ARE MY BELOVED
FIVE -MY PANJ PAYARE.
THEIR FAITH HAS LAID
THE FOUNDATION OF
A NEW COMMU-
NITY- THE
KHALSA OR
THE PURE.



THEY ARE ALL
ALIVE! BUT HOW
WAS HIS SWORD
DRIPPING WITH
BLOOD?

HE WAS
JUST
TESTING
US.



THEN GURU GOBIND ASKED FOR AN
IRON VESSEL WHICH HE FILLED
WITH WATER. TO THIS HE ADDED
SUGAR WHICH HE STIRRED IN WITH
A DOUBLE-
EDGED
DAGGER.



THE FIVE DISCIPLES
WERE GIVEN THIS
AMRIT.

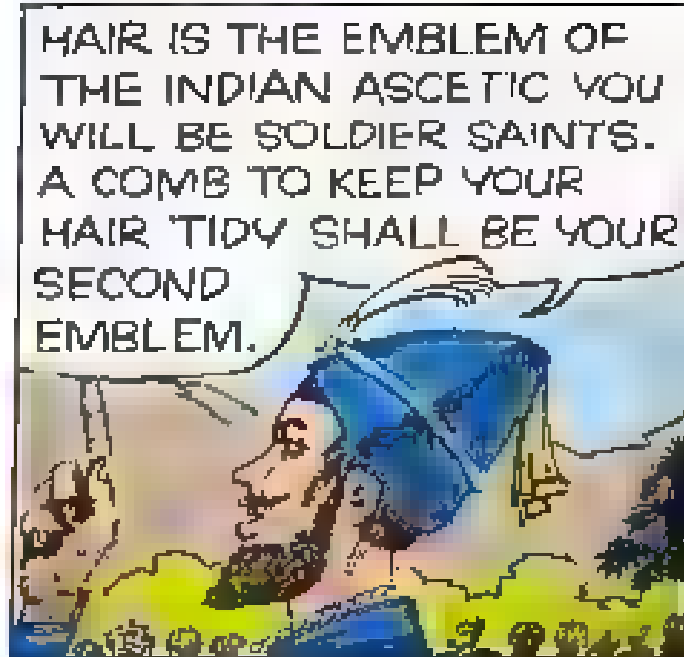
HENCEFORTH YOU SHALL
ALL BE KNOWN AS SINGHS
AND YOU WILL GROW
YOUR HAIR
AND BEARD.



WHY MUST WE
GROW OUR
HAIR AND
BEARD?



HAIR IS THE EMBLEM OF
THE INDIAN ASCETIC YOU
WILL BE SOLDIER SAINTS.
A COMB TO KEEP YOUR
HAIR TIDY SHALL BE YOUR
SECOND
EMBLEM.




THE KIRPAN IS TO BE
USED ONLY FOR
DEFENCE.
YOU MUST
ALWAYS BE
SOLDIERS IN
SOLDIERS'
BREECHES -
THE
KACCHA.



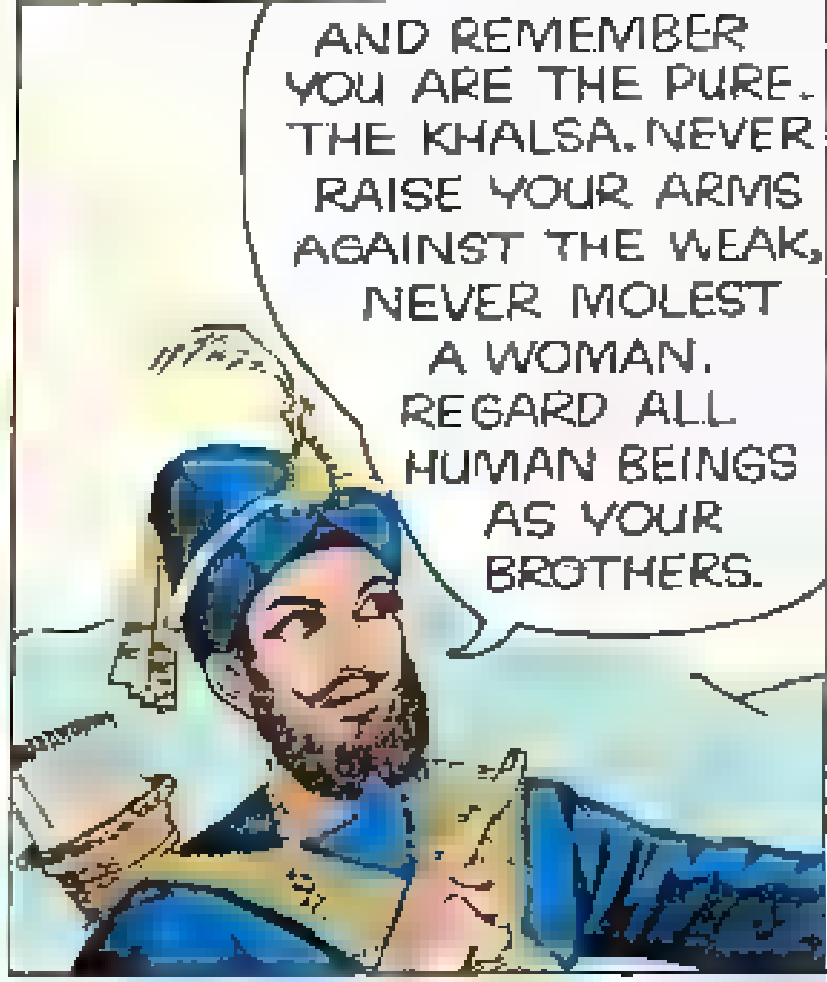
YOU WILL
ALSO WEAR A
KADA •






HE HAS GIVEN FIVE
EMBLEMS ALL BEGINNING
WITH THE LETTER K—
KESH, KANGHA
KACCHA, KADA
AND KIRPAN.


AND
HE HAS
GIVEN US
ONE NAME—
WE ARE ALL
SINGHS.



AND REMEMBER
YOU ARE THE PURE.
THE KHALSA. NEVER
RAISE YOUR ARMS
AGAINST THE WEAK,
NEVER MOLEST
A WOMAN.
REGARD ALL
HUMAN BEINGS
AS YOUR
BROTHERS.



AS YOU HAVE BAPTISED
US, WE BAPTISE YOU.
YOU ARE NO LONGER
GOBIND RAI, BUT
GOBIND SINGH. THE
RULES THAT APPLY
TO US WILL
APPLY TO YOU.

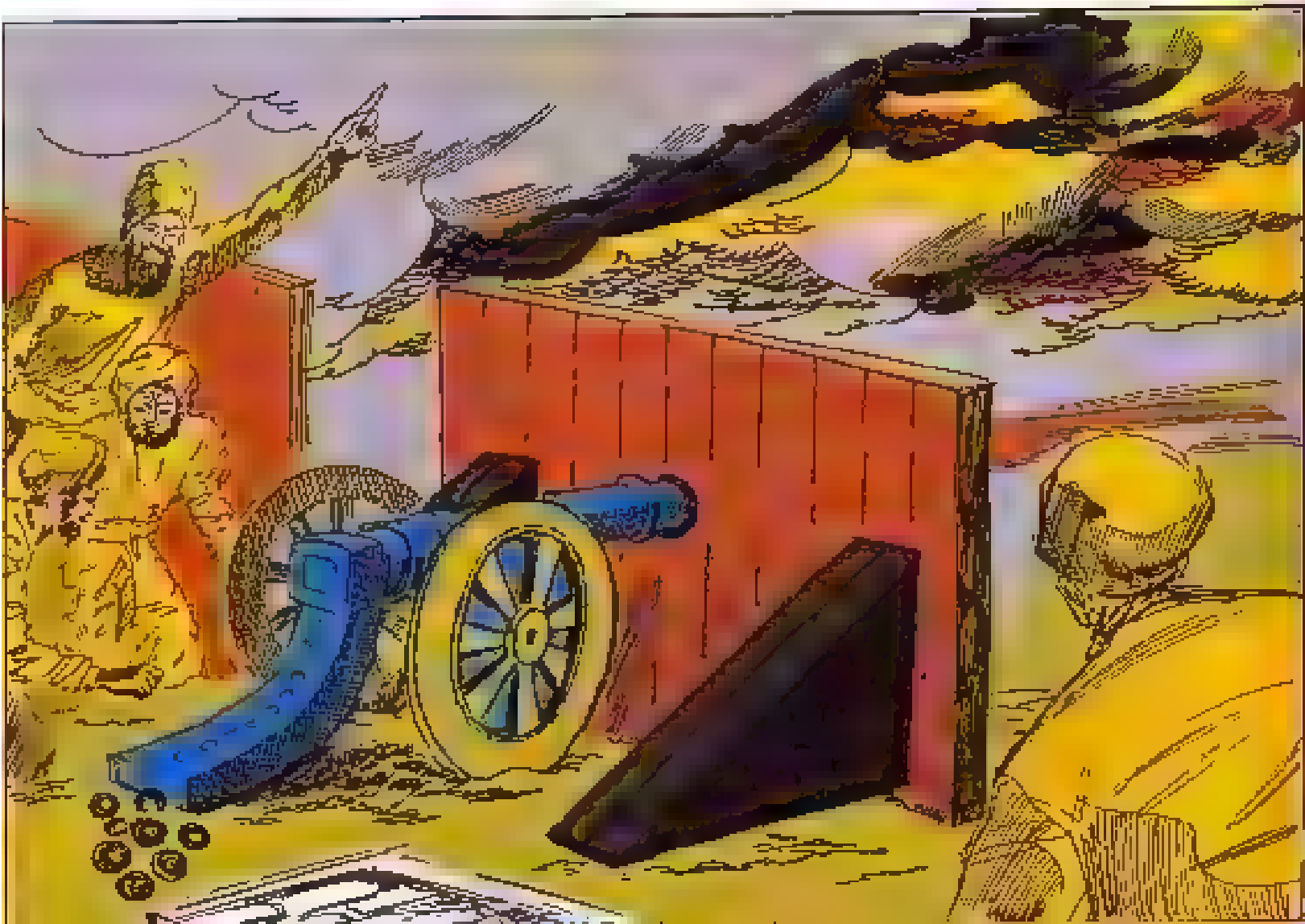
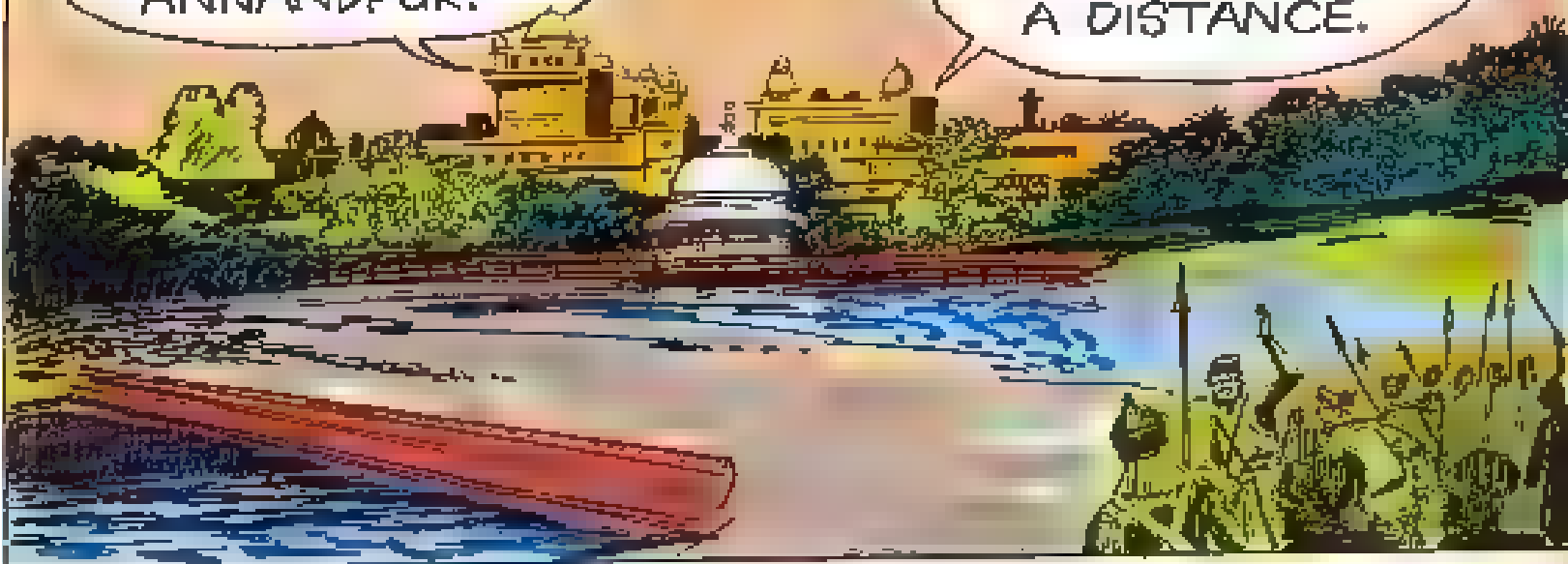


SO BE IT. THE
GURU IS OF THE
KHALSA AS MUCH
AS THE KHALSA
IS OF THE
GURU.

SOME TIME LATER, EMPEROR AURANGZEB ORDERED WAZIR KHAN, HIS GOVERNOR IN THE PUNJAB TO DESTROY THE SIKHS AND BRING GOBIND PRISONER.

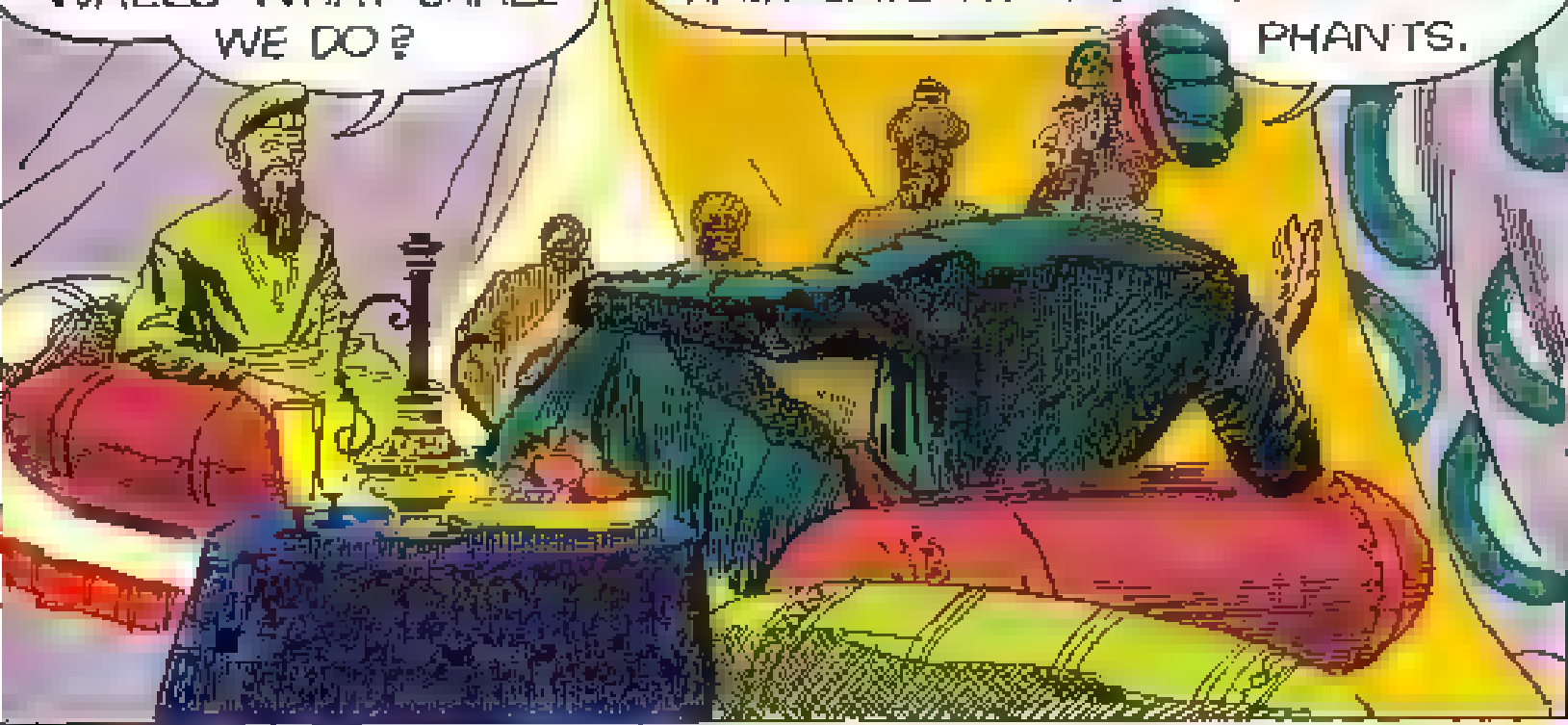
THE MUGHALS ARE SURROUNDING ANNANDPUR.

SHUT THE GATES OF THE FORT. KEEP THE ENEMY AT A DISTANCE.



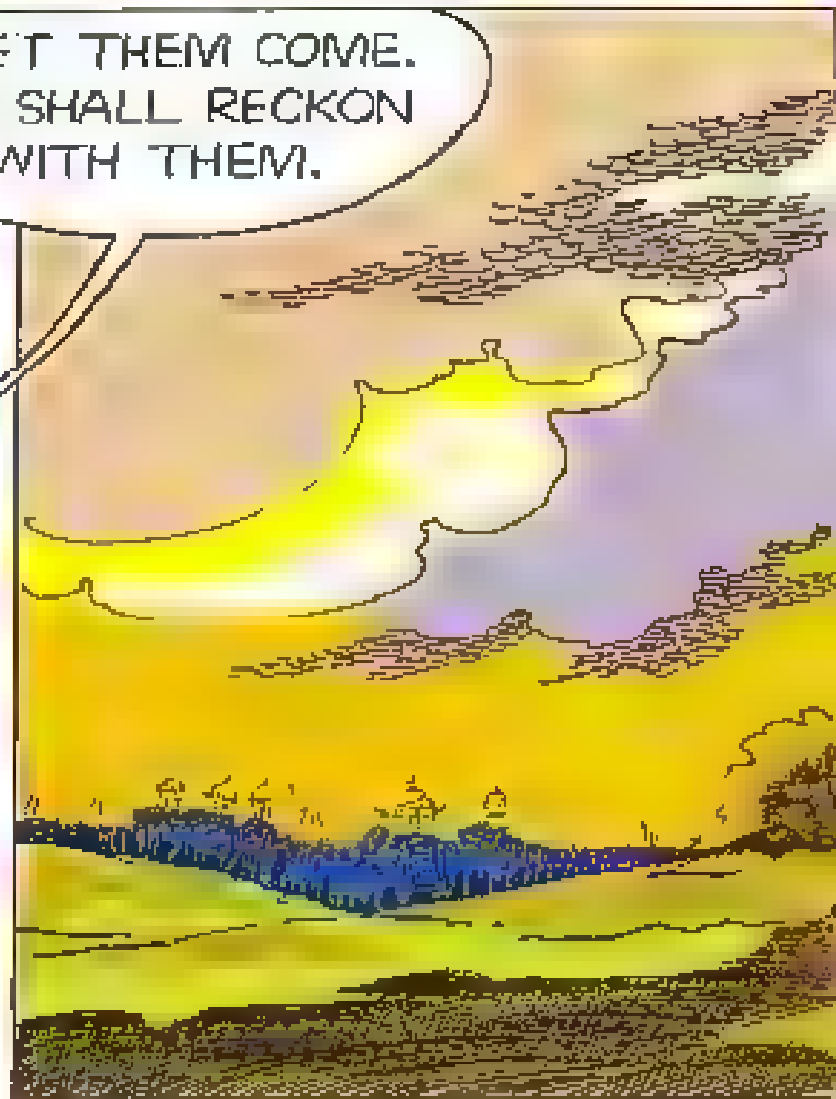
THE SIKHS WILL
NOT LET OUR MEN
GET NEAR THE
WALLS WHAT SHALL
WE DO?

WE SHALL PRETEND TO
ATTACK ANNANDPUR FROM THE
REAR. MEANWHILE CHARGE THE
MAIN GATE WITH OUR WAR ELE-
PHANTS.



THEY ARE
COMING FROM
THE OTHER SIDE.
WHAT SHALL
WE DO?

LET THEM COME.
WE SHALL RECKON
WITH THEM.





THE GATE
WILL GIVE
WAY, THE
MUGHALS
WILL ENTER
OUR CITADEL.

THEN WHAT
ARE YOU
WAITING
FOR?



FOR THE GLORY
OF THE GURU
AND THE
KHALSA.



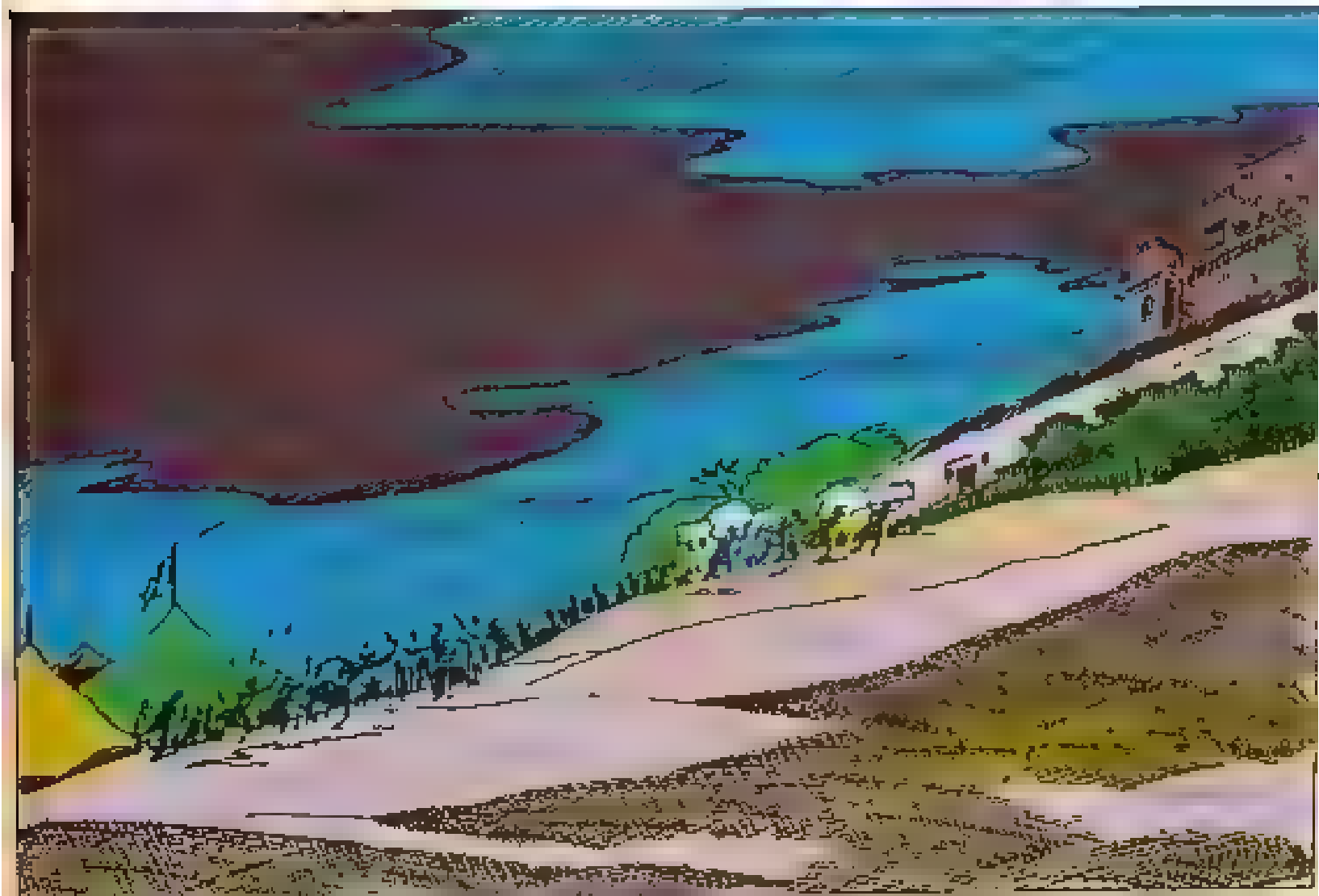
HOW CAN WE FIGHT
PEOPLE AS
BRAVE AS
THESE?

LET
US WITHDRAW
TO A SAFE
DISTANCE AND
STARVE THEM
INTO SURREN-
DERING.



SIRE, THE MUGHALS WON'T
FIGHT US BUT WE HAVE FINISHED
ALL OUR STOCKS OF FOOD.
WE WILL DIE OF HUNGER.

HAVE FAITH! AT NIGHT
WHEN THE MUGHALS
SLEEP, SEND PARTIES
OUT TO GET FOOD.
IF YOU ARE AMBUSHED,
FIGHT YOUR WAY
THROUGH THEM.



THE SIEGE DRAGGED ON FOR SIX LONG MONTHS AND THE EMPEROR WAS FURIOUS. AT LAST ONE OF HIS ABLEST GENERALS, PAINDA KHAN MADE A DECISION.

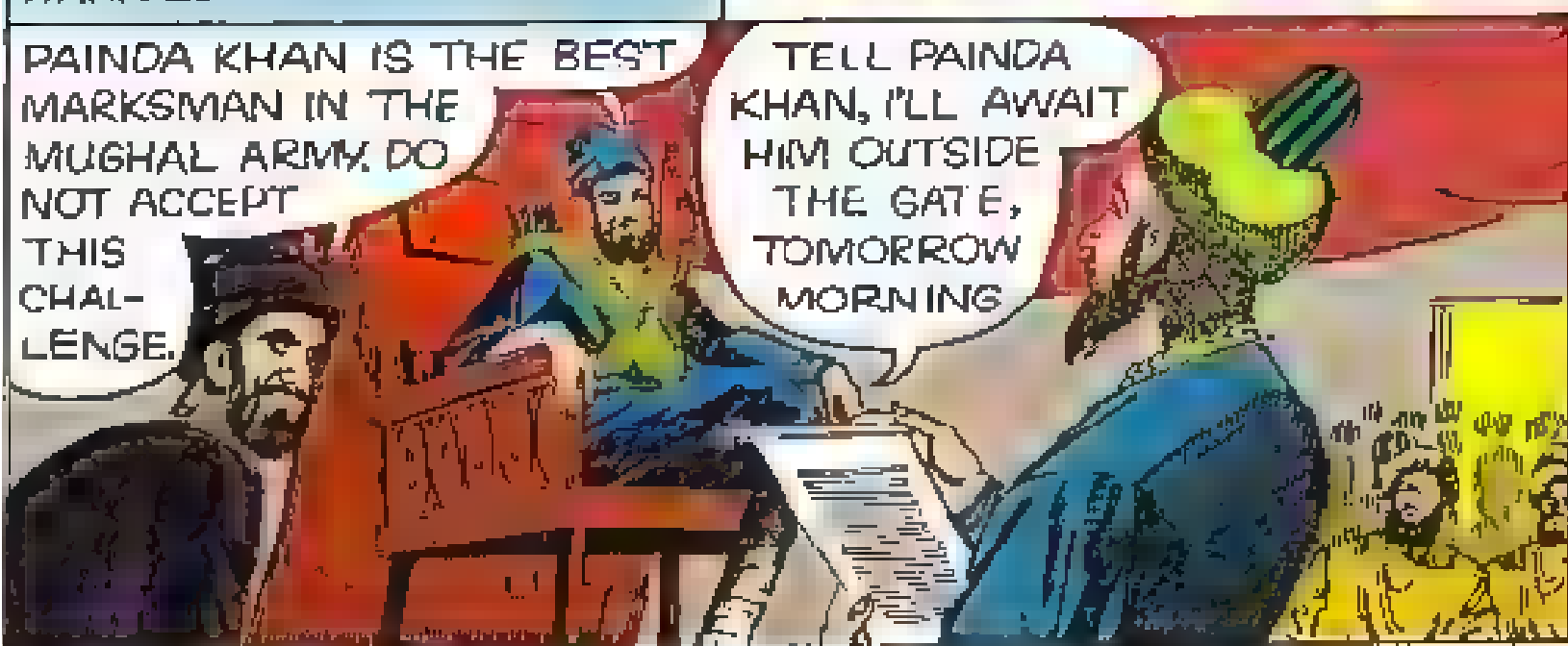
I WILL CHALLENGE GOBIND TO FIGHT ME SINGLE-HANDED TO SETTLE THE ISSUE. SEND AN ENVOY TO HIM.



WHEN THE MUGHAL ENVOY ARRIVED -

PAINDA KHAN IS THE BEST MARKSMAN IN THE MUGHAL ARMY. DO NOT ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE.

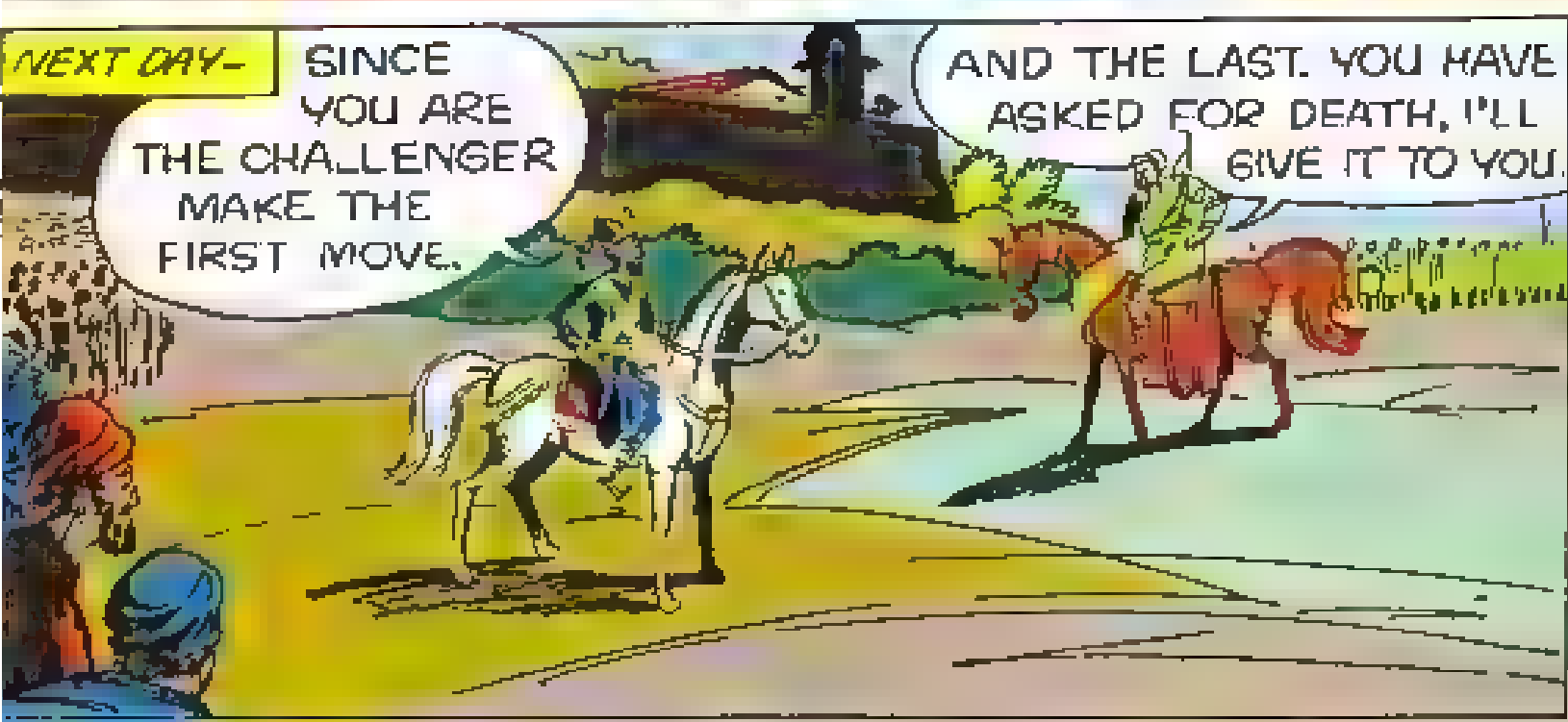
TELL PAINDA KHAN, I'LL AWAIT HIM OUTSIDE THE GATE, TOMORROW MORNING



NEXT DAY -

SINCE YOU ARE THE CHALLENGER MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.

AND THE LAST. YOU HAVE ASKED FOR DEATH, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.





THERE WAS A SHORT INTERLUDE OF PEACE THEN EMPEROR AURANGZEB ORDERED A FRESH ATTACK ON THE SIKHS.

HOW CAN AN UNTRAINED HANDFUL OF PEASANTS HOLD OUT AGAINST A VAST ARMY OF PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS?

YOUR MAJESTY, WE WILL DEFEAT THE SIKHS!

WE'LL STARVE THEM OUT!



ONE DAY THE SIKHS BROUGHT A MAN NAMED KANHAIYA BEFORE GURU GOBIND SINGH.

I CAUGHT HIM GIVING THE WOUNDED ENEMIES WATER!

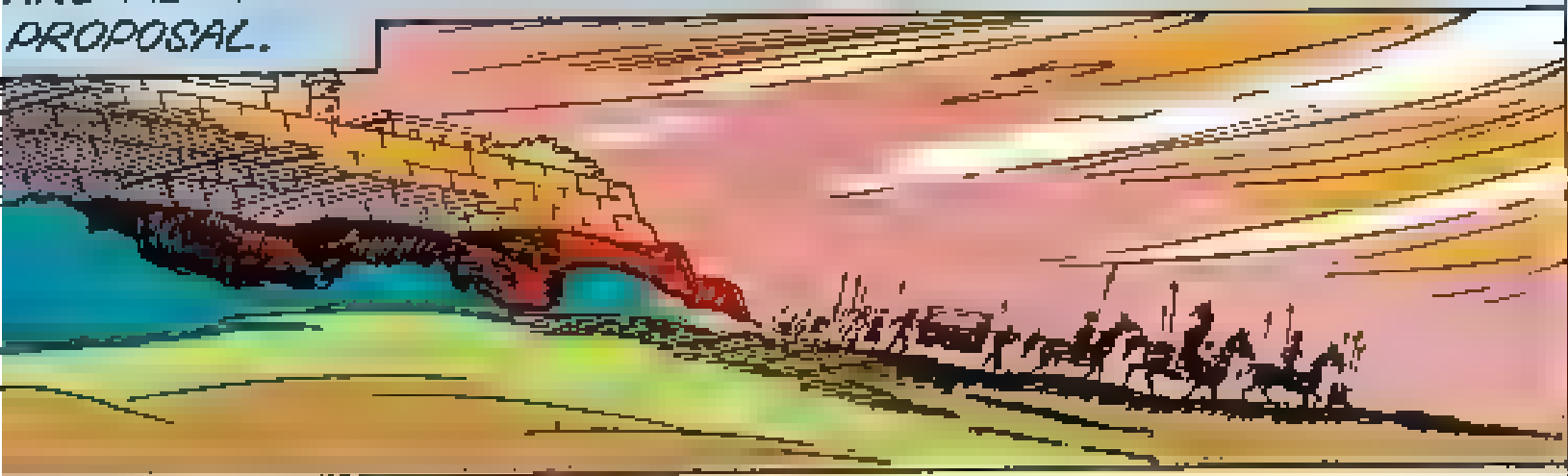
YOU TOLD US TO SERVE ALL THOSE IN NEED.



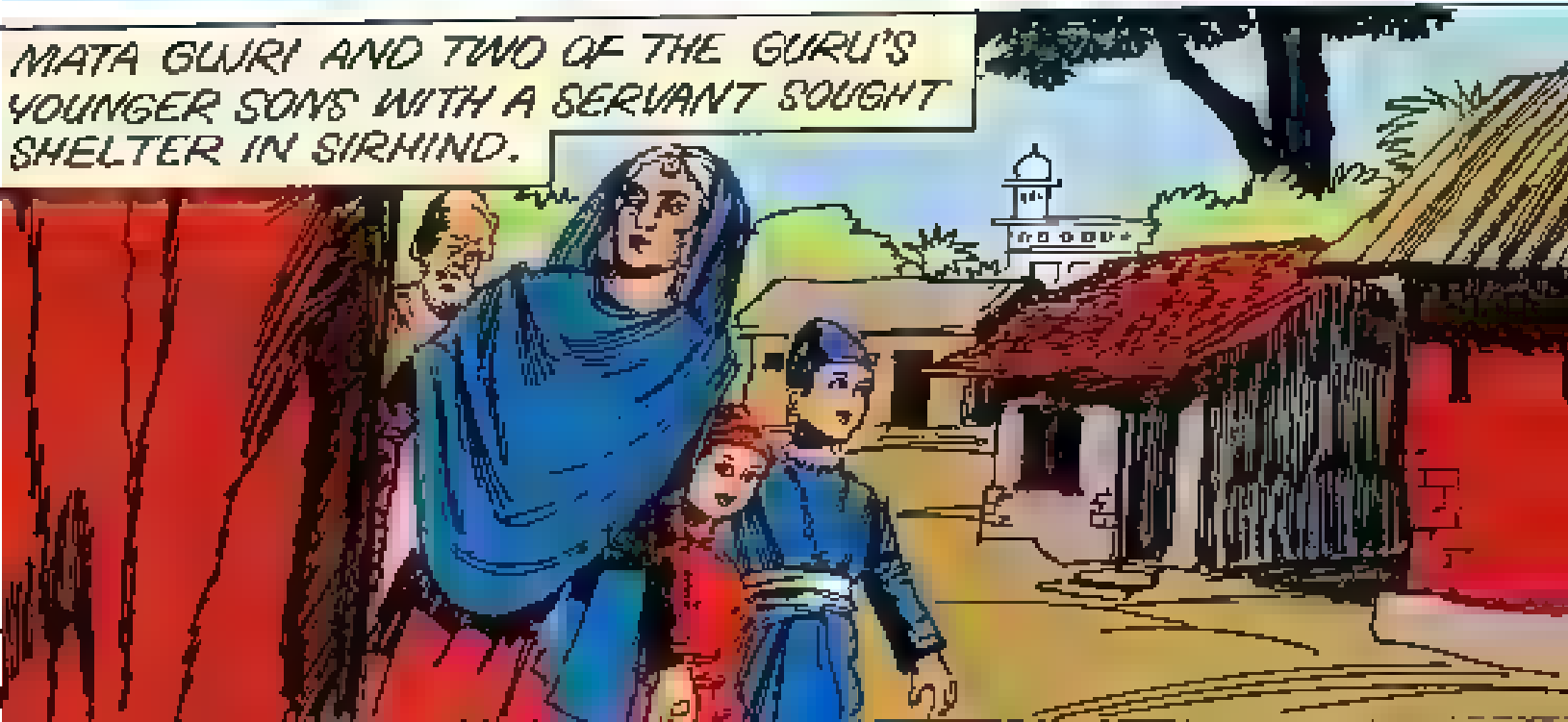
WELL SAID! YOU HAVE TRULY UNDERSTOOD THE WORD OF THE GURUS!



AT LAST THE MUGHAL GOVERNOR DECLARED THAT IF GURU GOBIND GAVE UP ANNANDPUR FOR A WHILE, HE WOULD LEAVE HIM ALONE AND RETURN THE FORTRESS. GURU GOBIND AGREED TO THE PROPOSAL.



MATA GURJI AND TWO OF THE GURU'S YOUNGER SONS WITH A SERVANT SOUGHT SHELTER IN SIRHIND.



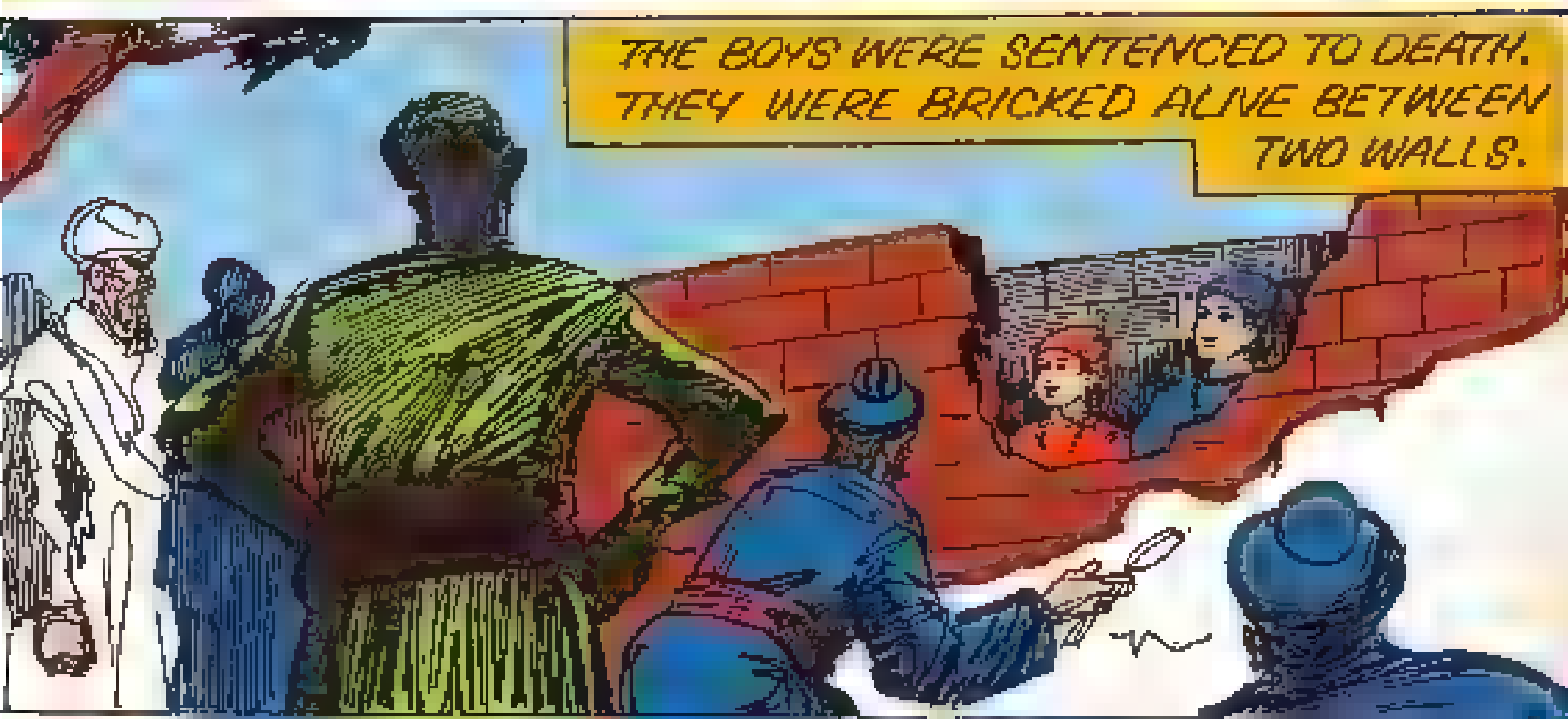
BUT THEY WERE BETRAYED, CAPTURED BY THE SOLDIERS AND BROUGHT TO THE COURT OF THE GOVERNOR WALIR KHAN.



IF YOU
BECOME
MUSLIMS
YOUR
LIVES
WILL BE
SPARED.

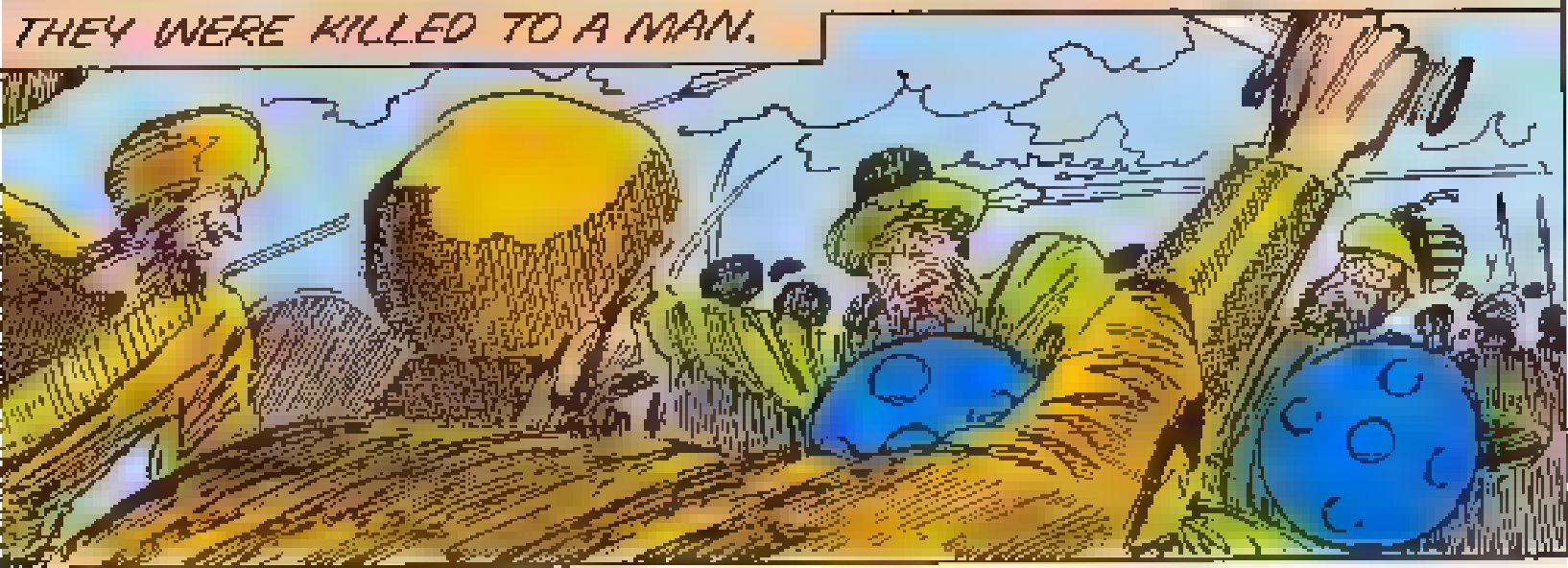


NEVER! WE HAVE
NOTHING AGAINST
ISLAM. BUT WE ARE
SIKHS AND SIKHS
WE WILL
REMAIN.

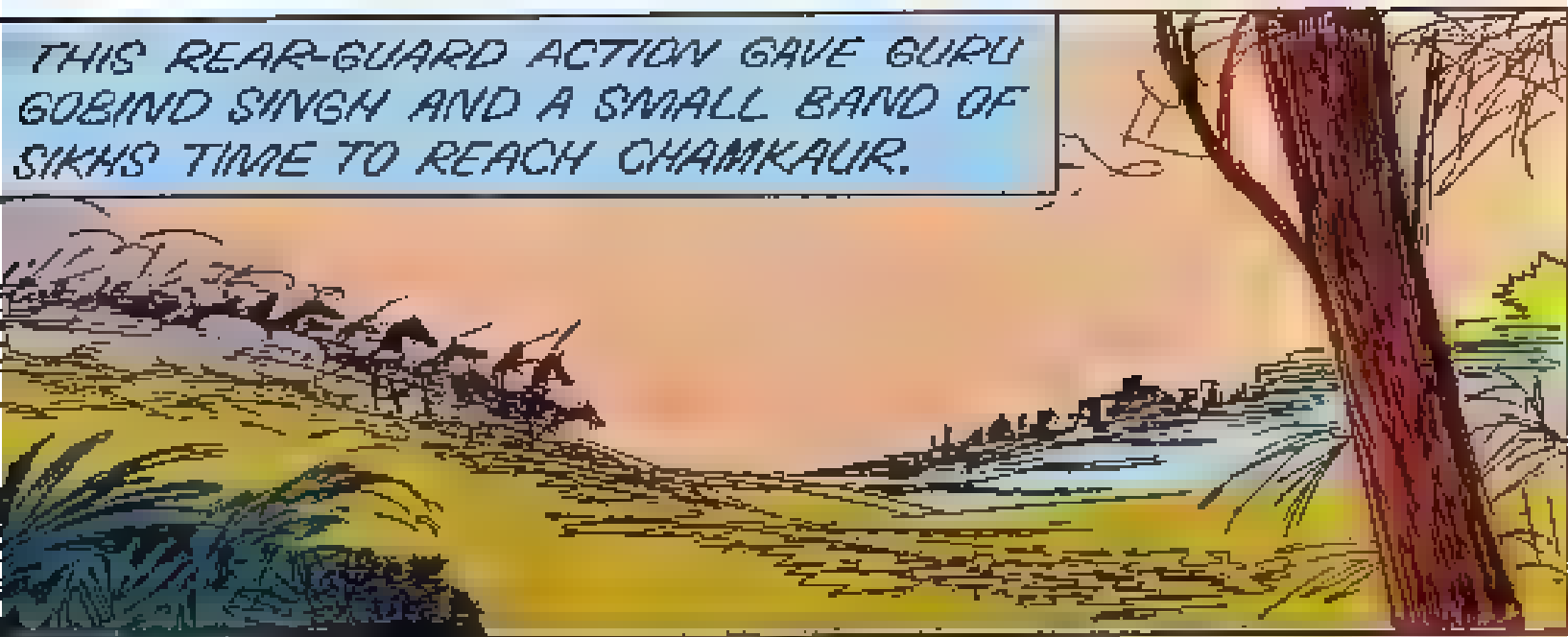


THE BOYS WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH.
THEY WERE BRICKED ALIVE BETWEEN
TWO WALLS.

MEANWHILE A BAND OF SIKHS HELD THE PURSUERS TILL THEY WERE KILLED TO A MAN.



THIS REAR-GUARD ACTION GAVE GURU GOBIND SINGH AND A SMALL BAND OF SIKHS TIME TO REACH CHAMKAUR.



AT CHAMKAUR GURU GOBIND SINGH AND HIS BAND OF FORTY MEN BUILT A STOCKADE AND DECIDED TO FIGHT TO A FINISH







DRESSED IN GURU GOBIND'S CLOTHES THE YOUNG SIKH...



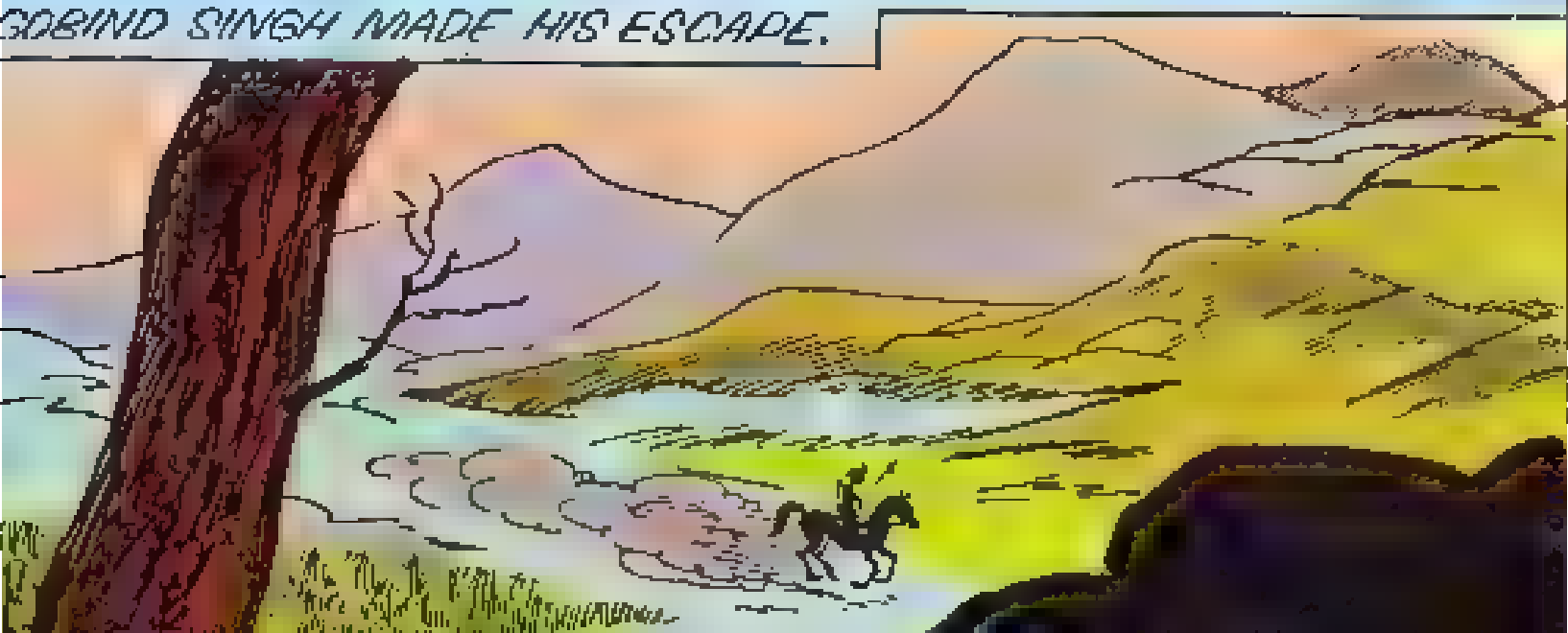
... FACED THE ENEMY.



WE'VE KILLED THEM ALL! EVEN THE GURU OF THE SIKHS!

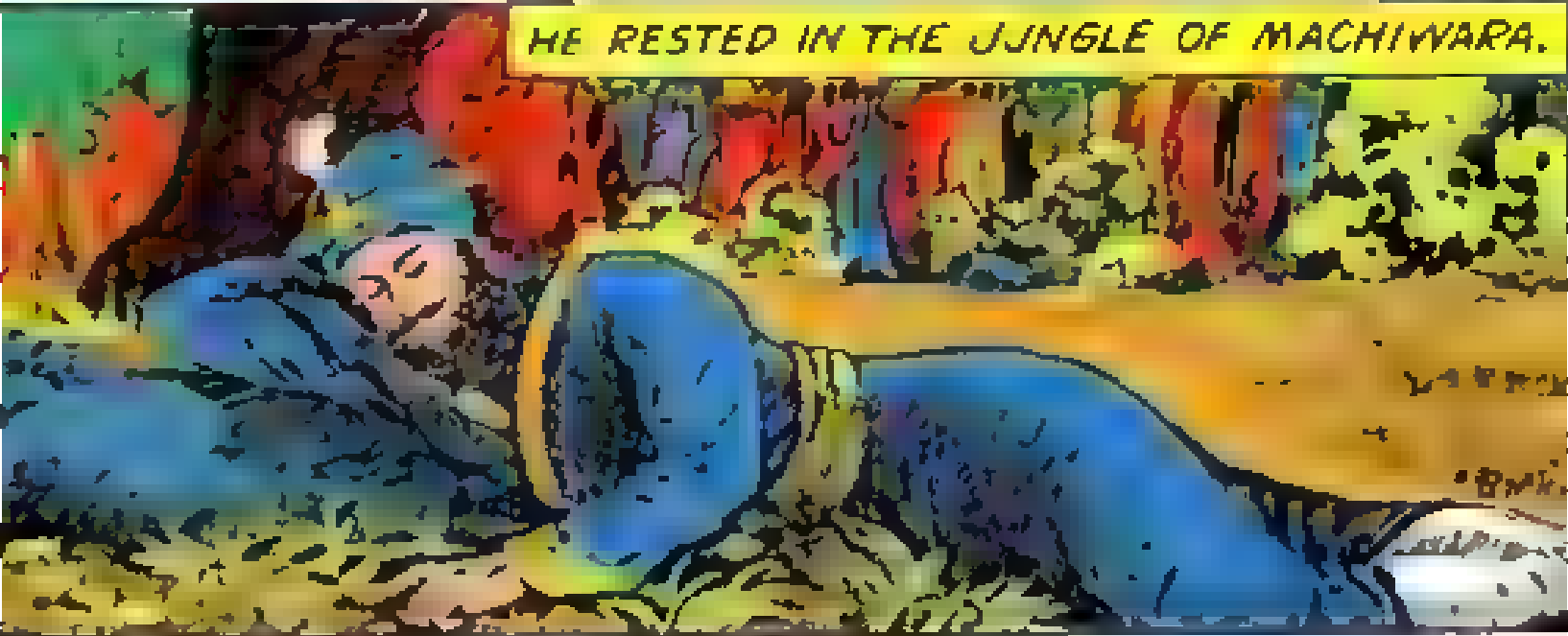


WHILE THE ENEMY WAS CELEBRATING THE KILL, GURU GOBIND SINGH MADE HIS ESCAPE.





HE WANDERED ABOUT ALONE EVADING
HIS PURSUERS.



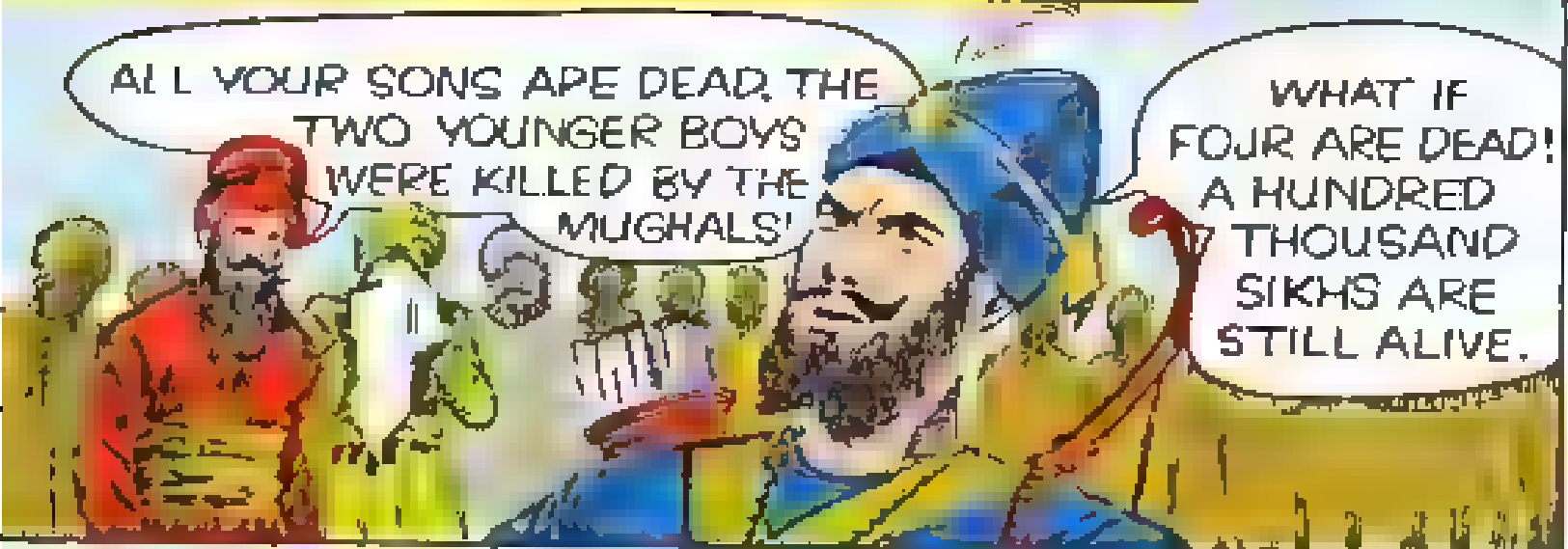
HE RESTED IN THE JUNGLE OF MACHIVARA.



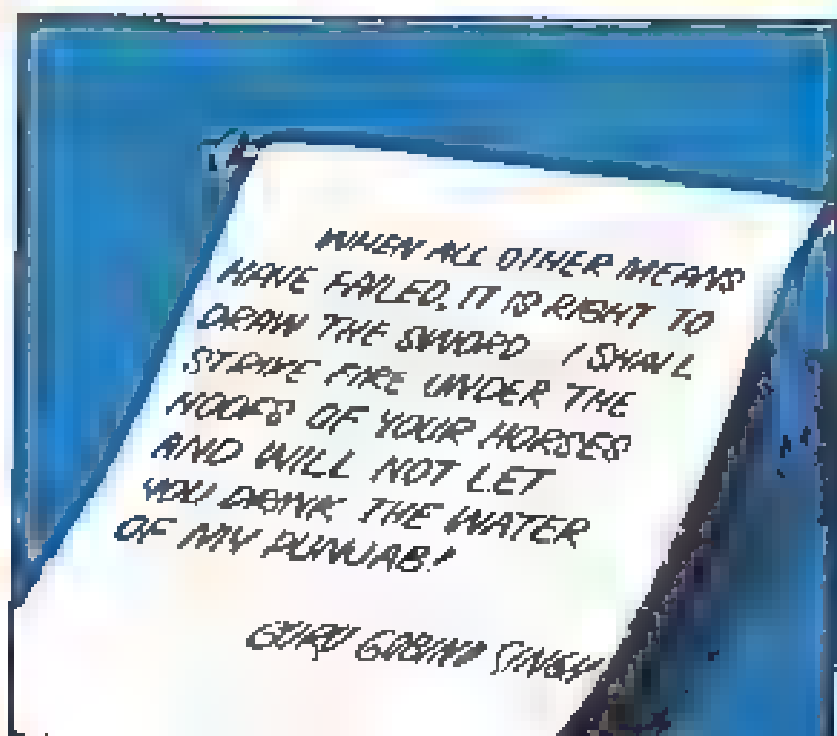
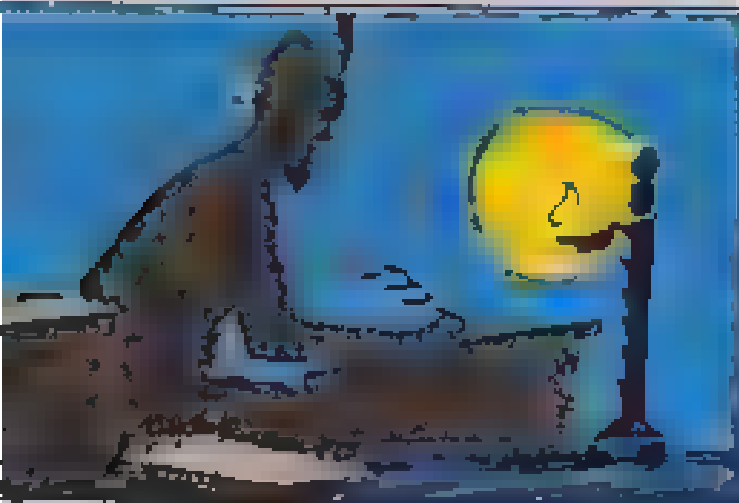
WHEN HE REACHED THE TOWN,
TWO FRIENDLY PATHANS HELPED
HIM ESCAPE



ONE DAY A SIKH CAME TO GURU GORIND SINGH



GURU GOBIND SINGH WROTE A LONG LETTER TO AURANGZEB HOLDING HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEEDS OF HIS OFFICIALS.



AFTER THE DEATH OF AURANGZEB HIS SUCCESSOR BAHADUR SHAH INVITED GURU GOBIND SINGH TO VISIT HIM.

WELCOME MY FRIEND! I HAVE A SMALL GIFT FOR YOU!

YOUR MAJESTY IS TOO KIND! I NEED NOTHING FOR MYSELF, ONLY FOR MY SIKHS!

SO THE DAYS PASSED PLEASANTLY AND GURU GOBIND SINGH ACCOMPANIED THE EMPEROR ON HIS TRAVELS. MEANWHILE WAZIR KHAN CONTINUED TO PERSECUTE THE SIKHS IN THE PUNJAB.



ONE DAY...



SO YOU ARE GURU
GOBIND! WHAT HAVE
YOU COME TO THE
GODAVARI FOR?

TO MAKE
YOU A
DISCIPLE.



I AM
YOUR BANDA,
YOUR
SLAVE.



NAME YOU BANDA SINGH
BAHADUR. GO BACK TO
THE PUNJAB AND
AROUSE MY SIKHS
TO PUNISH THE
PERSECUTORS
OF THE SIKHS.

YOUR ORDERS
WILL BE CARRIED
OUT, MY GURU.

MONTHS PASSED.
ONE EVENING
GURU GOBIND
SINGH WAS ALONE
IN HIS TENT WHEN
TWO PATHANS
SUDDENLY
ENTERED WITH
KNIVES IN THEIR
HANDS.



THEY STABBED THE GURU,
BUT HE STRUCK ONE OF HIS
ASSAILANTS DEAD...



...THE OTHER WAS CHASED AND
KILLED BY HIS FOLLOWERS.

THE WOUND WAS STITCHED, BUT WHILE
GURU GOBIND SINGH WAS PRACTISING
ARCHERY ONE DAY...



...THE STITCHES
BURST.

GURU GOBIND SINGH KNEW HIS END WAS NEAR.



BUT
GURUDEV...

DO NOT MOURN MY
DEATH! AS RAIN SUSTAINS
THE SEED WHERE
IT FALLS, SO SHALL
MY WORDS REMAIN
WITH YOU, MY
KHALSA AND BEAR
FRUIT!



AND DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF HIS FOLLOWERS, GURU GOBIND SINGH'S
HEALTH GREW WORSE AND ON OCTOBER 7, 1708 HE DIED.



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